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## Resolution on U.S. National Missile Defence

WHEREAS Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote a world community with peace, liberty and justice for all, and

WHEREAS the policy of unilateralism of the current administration of the United States is, according to former defence minister Paul Hellyer, creating a new source of instability and encouraging the proliferation of dangerous technologies,(1) and escalation of the arms race, and

AWARE THAT many consider that proponents of the U.S. National Missile Defense exaggerate the threat and overestimate what current technology can deliver, and

RECOGNIZING THAT if Canada were to support the NMD, Canada would, by so doing, be limiting her sovereignty by subscribing to a regime whose decisions are frequently contrary to the values which Canadians and Unitarian Universalists hold dear, and

NOTING THAT only by actions that uphold those values is our national interest served and our culture made to endure, and

NOTING THAT Nobel Laureate physicist John Polanyi, while pointing out that the NMD will not work because it is not technically feasible, has stated, “It is harder to hit a missile than to fire one.”(2)

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the delegates of the 2003 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council urge the Prime Minister and government of Canada to refuse to join the United States in its National Missile Defense initiative, and

**In addition,** urge that Canadian efforts be directed at resolving the root causes of instability in the world by taking measures that reduce poverty, and support peace keeping and justice building.

[1] “Missile defence: It was wrong then and it’s wrong now”, The Globe and Mail, May 15, 2003, page A21



[2] TV Ontario panel discussion on U.S. National Missile Defense, May 12, 2003

**Passed by delegates at the Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg, May 2003**  
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