

World and do not represent genuine political solutions. Mr. Rogov suggested that the emphasis should be on regional agreements prohibiting weapons of mass destruction and certain types of conventional arms.

The session commentator, **Mark Heller**, research coordinator at CIIPS, observed that the conference was devoted to reducing the *supply* of arms because the international situation lent itself more at the present time to agreements among suppliers than among purchasers. The former realized, after the war with Iraq, that the arms they send around the world could well land them in difficulty at some time. According to Mr. Heller, we should take advantage of this passing international situation in order to study ways of arriving at permanent agreements on limiting arms transfers. He emphasized that it would be necessary to include confidence-building measures between producers so that they could be assured that the arms control agreements would not give their competitors an unfair advantage.

Discussion: One participant said that Mr. Dunn's assessment of the ability of the international community to work together was overly optimistic. The members of the coalition against Iraq had not even been able to agree on the basic principles underlying their action. Third World leaders would simply conclude from the Iraq episode that a nineteenth-century style war could not succeed against a great power and that it was better to employ guerilla tactics or nuclear weapons. The fact that whites possessed nuclear weapons would not dissuade Third World nations from going to war, though the opposite could well be enough to intimidate the wealthy nations. This participant remarked further to Mr. Rogov that controls on strategic exports represented an attempt on the part of Europeans to preserve their monopoly on sophisticated arms. He wondered whether it was realistic to think that the control which the European countries exercised over the Security Council would still exist in the year 2050 when only ten percent of the world's population would be white.

Messrs. Dunn and Rogov responded to these remarks. According to Mr. Dunn, international resistance to aggression would not materialize in all circumstances; however,