

## DEFINITIONS

In order to compare the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) from the perspective of their experience in arms control, disarmament, confidence building and verification, it is necessary that these terms be clearly defined. Therefore, for the purpose of this study, the following definitions will apply.

Disarmament refers to the reduction of armaments, if not their abolition. It should be distinguished from the related concept of arms control which refers to cooperative agreements designed to regulate arms levels either by limiting their growth or by restricting how they might be used.<sup>27</sup>

Verification encompasses the many means by which parties to agreements check the validity of the information provided by other governments to ascertain whether or not they are in fact complying with the rules to which they have agreed.<sup>28</sup> It may include observation or monitoring of certain activities, on-site inspection of specified facilities or air surveillance over specified territory.

As noted by James Macintosh, the definitions of confidence-building are many and varied.<sup>29</sup> For the purpose of this study however, it will suffice to say that confidence-building can be defined in both very broad or very narrow terms. In the broader sense confidence-building may be defined as "measures which contribute to peace by reducing the levels of mistrust, or uncertainty, which often engender or sustain war or other forms of international hostility."<sup>30</sup> Confidence-building is therefore seen

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<sup>27</sup> Charles W. Kegley, Eugene R. Wittkopf, World Politics: Trends and Transformations. New York, St. Martin's Press, 1985, pg. 474.

<sup>28</sup> External Affairs and International Trade Canada, Verification: Canada's Verification Research Program. Verification Brochure No. 3, 1986, pg. 8.

<sup>29</sup> James Macintosh, Confidence (and Security) building Measures in the Arms Control Process: A Canadian Perspective. (Arms Control and Disarmament Studies, No. 1), Ottawa, Department of External Affairs, 1985, pp.51-61.

<sup>30</sup> William L. Richter, "Confidence-Building Measures for South Asia: An Extraregional Perspective", in Disarmament Confidence and Security-building Measures in Asia, New York, United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs,