

## PREFACE

The subject of small arms and light weapons continues to garner increased attention from policy makers and analysts. Speaking on 19 August 1998 at the International NGO Consultations on Small Arms Action held in Orillia, Ontario, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy said:

"Clearly, we must tackle the accumulation and proliferation of military small arms and light weapons if we want to help provide true security to civilians caught up in internal conflicts. That is why I have made military small arms and light weapons a priority for Canadian efforts in international arms control and disarmament, along with landmines and long-standing areas of concern, such as nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction."

In November 1996, Canada published a document entitled *Small Arms and Light Weapons: An Annotated Bibliography*. This present volume updates that earlier publication and, like it, has been prepared to assist government officials and researchers in their work in this field. It is made available as part of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's policy to share the results of independent research undertaken by the Department's Verification Research Program. The views expressed in this report are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade or of the Canadian Government.

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