

PREFACE

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 45/65 of 4 December 1990 adopted by consensus the Report of the Group of Qualified Governmental Experts on the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Verification. This resolution, inter alia, called upon member states to assist the Secretary General in implementing the recommendations contained in the Report of the Group of Experts. Among these recommendations was the development of a "consolidated data bank of published materials and data provided on a voluntary basis by member states on all aspects of verification and compliance".¹

Canada has played a particularly active role in the United Nations' consideration of the issue of "verification in all its aspects", including the study conducted by the Group of Experts. At the Forty-Fifth Session of the General Assembly, Canada's then Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark confirmed Canada's intention to support the United Nations in establishing such a consolidated data bank through voluntary contributions of Canadian compilations and indexes of verification material. This undertaking follows from an on-going policy commitment by Canada to share with others, through the United Nations, the results of its verification research.

During the Forty-Sixth Session of the General Assembly, Canada contributed to the United Nations database a detailed Bibliography on Arms Control Verification: 1962-1991. That Bibliography covered more than 1500 entries during those years. Included were English language publications and submissions by governments and international organizations as well as the academic research community's literature on the subject. The following year, during the Forty-Seventh Session of the General Assembly, Canada contributed a second report entitled Bibliography on Arms Control Verification: Update. That Update contained over 800 new entries covering approximately the same time period as the 1991 Bibliography, with special emphasis on the literature between the summers of 1991 and 1992. Also included was French language material.

The following report, entitled Bibliography on Arms Control Verification: Second Update further updates the two previous bibliographies provided in 1991 and 1992. It has been prepared as a further Canadian contribution to the development of a United Nations data bank on verification and to assist governmental experts, negotiators and researchers in their work on verification matters.

¹ UN Document, A/45/372, 28 August 1990, para. 263.