

## PREFACE

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The International Security Research and Outreach Program commissioned a study to address the following issues:

- i) Provide a brief description and assessment of the literature to date concerning the challenges facing the UNCAR, together with a brief description of what the UNCAR comprises to date.
- ii) Condense these problems into discrete tasks. Offer substantive thoughts on how these tasks could be accomplished.
- iii) Provide a brief description and assessment of the literature to date concerning a WMD register. This would include, *inter alia*, assessments of the utility of a CW and BW register, progress made to this effect under the CWC and the BTWC (and the incipient BTWC Protocol), together with efforts to articulate a NW register.
- iv) Consider which level – weapons, components, and/or delivery systems – would be the most appropriate for such a Register.
- v) Consider whether such a Register should address transfers or holdings.

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