

Institute (see B-102). However, some sites do focus exclusively on nonproliferation, arms control, and disarmament issues, such as the **United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research** (see B-110), and **Monterey's Center for Nonproliferation Studies** (see B-16).

As well, to assist those involved in the Middle East Peace Process, a number of sites focusing on Middle East studies have been included. These sites may contain political, geographical or historical information. The **Middle East Network Information Center** (see B-67) and the **Middle East Research and Information Project** (see B-68) would be good examples of this sort of site.

In selecting databases and sites for inclusion in this Directory, particular attention was given to those groups who seek to provide factual and balanced information and discussions.

AREA STUDIES:

In terms of general information about a country or region, the focus of this Directory is primarily on the Middle East. An effort has been made to include databases/sites that would be of interest to participants in the Middle East Peace Process, even if these databases/sites do not relate directly to ACD. There is, of course, a wealth of information on other areas of the world, in both commercial databases and on the Internet. For commercial databases, the *Gale Directory of Databases*³ provides subject access to both specific countries and to regions. There are as well, a number of country sites on the Internet that provide useful information in terms of a country's government, geographic, social and economic structure, and current events. In order to become familiar with a country, it is useful to visit these sites. Some examples are:

Government of Canada	http://canada.gc.ca/
FedWorld Information Network	http://www.fedworld.gov/
U.S. White House State Department	http://www.whitehouse.gov/
New Zealand Government Web Pages	http://www.govt.nz/
INDOlink - India	http://www.genius.net/indolink/
OneWorld Online Home Page - England	http://www.oneworld.org/index.html
Government Information Office - Taiwan	http://gio.gov.tw/
New China Online	http://www.attaina.com/

COST OF ACCESSING THE INFORMATION:

As mentioned earlier, information obtained through commercial online and CD-ROM vendors must usually be purchased. Because prices vary from vendor to vendor, and there may be several subscription options available, prices are not included in this Directory. The reader

³The *Gale Directory of Databases* is a particularly good source of which commercial online databases and CD-ROMs are available. This two-volume set, which is updated twice a year, is available in both paper and electronic format. It gives a description of each database, has subject access, pricing information, and addresses and telephone numbers for both database producers and vendors.