

PREFACE

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This paper was commissioned by CIIPS in order to provide readers with a review of proposals made between the United Nations Special Session in Disarmament (UNSSOD II) in 1982, and the upcoming Special Session (UNSSOD III), 31 May - 25 June 1988. The paper reveals that while these proposals are numerous and varied in terms of their proponents, scope, and means of implementation, they all reflect the common sentiment that governments and citizens alike have an interest in seeking innovative solutions to international security concerns. The challenge facing UNSSOD III will be to fashion such solutions into a constructive programme for enhanced security.

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