

Compendium of Verbatim Statements on Verification

Preface

This volume is compiled from the Provisional Verbata of the United Nations Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament (ENDC) which met in Geneva from 1962-1969. It contains the major statements made on the issue of verification of arms control and disarmament proposals. It is intended to be used as a resource volume to provide easy access to statements on national positions on verification and to aid those who wish to investigate the development of those positions over a period of time.

The statements are presented in chronological order. To aid in the use of this volume, the List of Verbatim Statements by Issue organizes the statements according to the arms control issue being discussed. There were eight major issues discussed in the ENDC: complete and general disarmament, the cessation of nuclear tests, the cut-off of production of fissionable material, a freeze on strategic nuclear delivery vehicles, a comprehensive test ban, a chemical and biological weapons prohibition, the non-proliferation treaty, and the prohibition of nuclear weapons on the sea-bed. The List of Statements by Nation organizes the statements by nation. A coded reference is included in this list to indicate the issue being discussed in each statement.

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