

Compendium of Verbatim Statements on Verification

Preface

This volume is compiled from the Provisional Verbata of the United Nations Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (CCD) which met in Geneva from 1969-1978. 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 six major issues discussed in the CCD: chemical and biological weapons, chemical weapons, a comprehensive test ban, the prohibition of nuclear weapons on the sea-bed, peaceful nuclear explosions and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and the prohibition of environmental modification for hostile purposes. Also discussed were a cut-off of production of fissionable materials, international verification and international disarmament organizations. The List of Verbatim 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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