because, while they may be looking at the issues from a different perspective, they will often provide useful information on ACD. Those databases that focus almost exclusively on issues of concern only to the defence industry (marketing products, procurement, etc.) have not been included. A distinction should also be made between those databases that are policy oriented, and those that are technology oriented. Again, the producers of these databases have different target audiences in mind, but for doing research on arms control, both serve a useful, if different purpose. It is hoped that the databases and sites included will, taken as a whole, allow the reader to gain the widest possible perspective on the various issues involved in the subject of arms control and disarmament.

There are many databases and sites that have not been included in this Directory because their coverage of ACD *per se* is too infrequent, nevertheless, they do occasionally have useful information, and should certainly be noted. For example, there are many commercial databases that are scientific and technical in nature, and can sometimes be useful for obtaining very specific, technical information on various aspects of arms control, such as verification technology and equipment. One such database is the *Applied Science & Technology Index*, produced by the H.W. Wilson Company. Other databases, such as Wilson's *Index to Legal Periodicals*, concentrate on legal literature, and so might also be of interest if a legal perspective is sought. As well, there are many databases that have the social sciences as their focus, and from time to time will have information relevant to arms control and disarmament. A good example of this is the *Social Sciences Index*, also produced by the H.W. Wilson Company. All three of these Wilson indexes are available online, or as a CD-ROM.

Another category of commercial databases that have not generally been listed in this Directory are the news databases. These can provide useful, timely information on countries and current events, which could have relevance to ACD issues, and they can also be useful for their reporting on ACD developments. These databases can range from online services, such as *Reuters Information Services*, which provides full text access to its worldwide wire service, to databases containing the full text of a single newspaper, such as *The New York Times*. There are now far too many to name here, but most of the major commercial vendors listed in this Directory[2] also have a wide array of news information available. As well, many of the newspapers now have an Internet site, and at least part of their news stories are available at no cost through their site.

The coverage of ACD issues on the Internet varies. Most of the sites listed here are primarily government, university research, or independent non-profit institutions, and tend to cover broad subject areas such as international affairs, foreign policy, national and international security, peace and peacekeeping. At such sites, arms control and disarmament are discussed in broad terms or are discussed intermittently. Examples of this sort of site are **The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs** (see **B-81**), and the **Stockholm International Peace Research**

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[2]See **Appendix 5: Vendors of Electronic Information**, for names and addresses of vendors referred to in this Directory, as well as for the most current subscription and pricing information.