

Compendium of Verbatim Statements on Verification

Preface

This volume is compiled from the Provisional Verbata of the United Nations Committee on Disarmament (CD). In 1984 the Committee on Disarmament was reorganized and is now called the Conference on Disarmament (CD). This volume covers the sessions held in Geneva from 1979-1984. 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. Two additional lists of statements are included 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. The major issues discussed in the CD include: a chemical weapons convention, a comprehensive test ban, the cutoff of production of fissionable material for weapons use, nuclear disarmament, a nuclear freeze, arms control in outer space, and a radiological weapons convention. 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.

The statements were originally compiled during a study on national positions on verification conducted in 1983 at the Centre for International Relations for the Department of External Affairs. The collection was expanded in 1984 during a period of research at the United Nations Institute for Disarma-