

discussions of verification the designation "Verification - general" is used.

- (3) Source: The source document for the proposal and any related documents.
- (4) Summary: A summary of the verification proposal itself, giving a fair representation of the salient points of the verification mechanism proposed.
- (5) Selected Comments of States: In some abstracts, selected comments on the proposal by participating states have been added.

Arrangement

The basic aim of preparing this three volume Compendium is to provide access to written information on the subject of arms control verification rather than to pass judgement on the efficacy of the various proposals. However, in view of the large number of proposals it has been necessary to organize the abstracts for easy access. This process has unavoidably involved some degree of subjective decision by the authors, but they have endeavored to keep this to a minimum.

There are various ways in which the summaries could be arranged. However, since verification is the topic of the Compendium, it is this basis which has been chosen. The proposal abstracts are, therefore, distributed into 17 chapters; sixteen of these deal with a particular verification method and contain the proposals which are considered to have adopted that method as the most prominent instrument of verification. The seventeenth chapter (Chapter A) includes abstracts which do not refer to a specific method of verification usually because they look at the subject on a general, theoretical level. After the first chapter, the chapters are arranged beginning with the most intrusive verification methods and moving to less intrusive methods.

Within each chapter, abstracts are arranged sequentially, according to the arms control problem/objective with which they deal, in increasing order of specificity (from "Any Arms Control Agreement" to "Conventional Weapons").⁴ Proposals with the same arms control problem/objective are sub-divided in alphabetical order by the first listed sub-division (if any); for example, "Nuclear weapons - ballistic missiles" is followed by "Nuclear weapons - cruise missiles", etc. Proposals with the same arms control topic sub-division are arranged in chronological order beginning with the earliest. Proposals with the same topic subdivision and date are arranged in alphabetical order by source.

4. See the section below entitled "Classification of Arms Control Objectives" for a listing of these topics.