INTRODUCTION TO THE APPENDICES

The appendices are not meant to be complete or exhaustive. In the study of peace and security issues, the names of specific organizations, doctrines, weapons systems, concepts, etc., are constantly changing. In such a mutable environment an attempt has been made to collate these identifiers in separate lists that can be revised continually without upsetting the harmony and structure of the thesaurus.

Appendices are developed in-house as the need for them arises. They are not designed to be definitive beyond their use in the thesaurus, nor are they designed to be complete and all-inclusive. They are merely suggestive and helpful references to be used in conjunction with the thesaurus.

Criteria for the selection of an identifier for an appendix are the commonality of use and the existence of many variants that demand standardization.

Identifiers are grouped by their common association with a descriptor. For example, there is an appendix to **ARMS CONTROL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS**, and an appendix to the most often referred to **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**.

Two appendices are different:

- all the identifiers that are of specific interest to Canadians are placed in the thesaurus. A list of these is reproduced in Appendix A.
- a list of all the countries of interest has been placed in Appendix C.