

Developments on the national and international scene have led to a number of changes in this year's *Guide*. The number of main entries has been reduced from 31 to 28, by dropping the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces basket of the Nuclear and Space Arms Talks (due to ratification of the INF Treaty in June 1988); "Disarmament and Development" (marking the 1987 UN conference on this subject); "The Third UN Special Session on Disarmament" (which ended in June 1988); and "Canada-US: Space Station" (given the conclusion of the relevant negotiations on this subject). A new entry on "The Canadian Defence Industry" (focussing on defence industrial preparedness) appears in the Defence Section, while the entry on "Arms Transfers," previously found in the Defence Section, has been shifted to the Arms Control and Disarmament Section. Finally, the inauguration in Vienna in March 1989 of two new sets of negotiations concerning European arms control has brought a change in the titles of two entries: "Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe (CCSBMDE)" becomes "Negotiations on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures (CSBMs)," and "Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks (MBFR)" becomes "Negotiations on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)."

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Two new appendices have been added to this year's *Guide*. The first, on "Canada's Role in the UN," includes a brief explanation of the UN structure dealing with security issues, together with Canada's record in voting on resolutions of the General Assembly's First Committee and the Security Council. The second new appendix, "Recent Political Disturbances in China," summarizes Canadian responses to the troubles arising from the Chinese Government's crackdown on the democracy movement in early June 1989. The other appendices have been updated from last year's versions. Michael Holmes was responsible for Appendices 1, 4, and 6; Peter Gizewski for numbers 2 and 5; and Johanne Di Donato for numbers 3 and 7.

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We welcome comments on *The Guide's* utility and format, as well as suggestions for improvement. All such communications should be addressed to me at the Institute.

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