

invitation and performed their tasks in a professional and realistic manner. Ten session chairpersons and ten commentators selected from the Canadian public service and Canadian universities completed the ranks of the panelists, providing home-grown expertise in the area of arms control. Finally, those attending the conference included politicians, civil servants, foreign diplomats, journalists, professors, students, researchers, and representatives of various interest groups who all enlivened the discussions with their well-informed questions and observations.

The following report, written by the main organizer of the conference, presents a synthesis of the discussions. The author wrote this summary on the basis of his handwritten notes, official recordings, and printed texts submitted by the speakers. At times he had to summarize arguments in rather cursory fashion or even omit the discussion. The choices that had to be made were not always easy, and the author assumes full responsibility for them, as he does for any errors or omissions which may have slipped into this report. Readers may wish to note that the articles presented by the speakers will eventually be published in book form.