

mise au point et la mise en oeuvre des procédures de vérification qui serviraient de complément aux moyens nationaux de vérification. Les tierces parties peuvent jouer, dans le processus de vérification, des rôles différents allant de la prestation de compétences techniques et industrielles à des formes diverses de surveillance, y compris la participation à des ententes multilatérales de consultation. Dans certains contextes régionaux où les moyens techniques nationaux des superpuissances ne seraient ni suffisants ni appropriés pour assurer la viabilité d'un accord, des tierces parties comme le Canada pourraient exercer une influence plus grande auprès des parties locales. La multilatéralisation du processus de contrôle des armements et des systèmes de vérification, en particulier au niveau régional, mènera peut-être à l'élaboration de nouvelles normes et procédures internationales en vertu desquelles les parties à un accord pourront demander expressément à d'autres États de participer à la surveillance des accords.

Preface

When the idea for this work first developed, it was in the belief that there was a significant gap in the arms control literature on those initiatives where innovative verification techniques and the contribution of third parties significantly enhanced the prospects for success. It remains my hope that by highlighting the success of the Sinai experience — in contrast to the deadlocks, stalemates and recurring problems associated with so many other arms control efforts — the impetus can be found to develop similar innovative approaches to security for other regional conflicts. If this study sparks greater interest in how Canada and other like-minded countries can contribute more effectively to verification and, by extension, to the reduction of regional tensions, it will have served its purpose.

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