

also explore proposals for limited submarine sanctuaries in the context of submarine-free zones in the Oceans.

### Controlling the Arms Trade:

#### 1. International Measures:

International efforts to limit the global arms trade have come to a virtual halt. None of the various suggestions and initiatives of the past decade, including the proposals for an international arms trade register, has led to any action. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute suggests, however, that more open reporting of arms transfers could still be an important confidence-building measure for efforts to control the arms trade. Inasmuch as secrecy promotes suspicion, more openness in arms transfers could help to alleviate the concerns of neighbouring states (free them from worst-case assumptions and from pressures to match the apparent acquisitions of their neighbours), and full reporting of arms transfers could also serve to establish a common set of data on arms transfers, on which movements toward controls and limitations could be based. Full disclosure would also stimulate public debate of arms transfers, both in supplier and recipient states. To that end, an international "arms trade register" has in the past been a prominent proposal for providing the necessary infrastructure to more effectively monitor the arms trade.