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Founded in 1972, the Center for Defense Information is an independent monitor of the United States military. This site's purpose is to "...inform the public, media, scholars, and governmental officials about the conventional arms trade." Ultimately, CDI hopes to help restrain conventional arms proliferation. This site is particularly useful for its links to other resources. Researchers will be interested in examining CDI's Arms Trade Citation List which includes specific references on light weapons publications. Included also are links to CDI's Arms Trade Database, a searchable arms trade database, and to other arms trade sites on the web.

WWW-4. *Federation of American Scientists: Light Weapons Diffusion and Global Violence.*

URL: http://www.fas.org/light_weapons/index.html

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The post Cold War world has seen an increase in the size and severity of internecine conflict. The goal of this site is to increase awareness of the dangers posed by the easy availability of light weapons and their role in fuelling conflict. This goal "...will be achieved through the development of a database on international light arms transfers and publication of a series of in-depth regional case studies, the first of which will cover light weapons trade in Latin America."

WWW-5. *Micro-disarmament.*

URL: <http://cns.miis.edu/cns/pacdc/microdisarm/default.html>

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