

reports all specified equipment that meet the category specifications for which it holds the legal title. This includes equipment used for training, in storage, and under repair, as well as the equipment currently operational.

SUMMARY

The UN Register is a very useful document which contributes directly to levels of transparency in conventional armaments. However, the effectiveness of the Register can be further enhanced if nations are willing to agree on a shared interpretation of the definitions. In the interim, the provision, by each nation, of its national interpretation of the Register Categories will greatly assist those using the Register.

Canada's experience with the Register indicates that the establishment of a streamlined data collection process within the defence and foreign policy community backed by clear, unambiguous definitions, enables the rapid production of accurate annual reports.