

INTRODUCTION

Purpose

The Bibliography on Arms Control Verification: Fourth Update and its predecessors have been developed to facilitate research on non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament verification issues. With this aim in mind, a Subject Index has been provided to help with searches on a wide variety of subjects. In addition, the work of specific personal and corporate authors can be identified rapidly.

Scope

The Fourth Update follows-on from the three earlier publications entitled:

- Bibliography on Arms Control Verification: 1962-1991,
- Bibliography on Arms Control Verification: Update,
- Bibliography on Arms Control Verification: Second Update, and
- Bibliography on Arms Control Verification: Third Update.

The Fourth Update generally covers material identified since the summer of 1994. Researchers should note that some documents dated before the summer of 1994 have also been included in the Fourth Update. Consequently, to ensure thorough coverage of the literature published before the summer of 1993, the Fourth Update as well as the previous four bibliographies should be consulted.

As was true for the earlier bibliographies, a variety of documents are covered in the Fourth Update. The focus, however, is on substantive discussions of matters related to verification -- documents that propose, discuss, explain, evaluate or otherwise comment in a detailed fashion upon verification processes, procedures or systems. More transitory materials, such as documents that summarize the current state of negotiations or report on specific events, have usually been omitted from the Fourth Update. In this regard, articles from newspapers, newsletters and similar publications with a "current affairs" focus generally have not been included.

There are several topics covered by the Fourth Update -- confidence building, fact-finding, peacekeeping, transparency, and compliance -- that are included because of their focus on matters related to arms control verification. The 1995 UN Group of Experts Study on Verification¹ has reinforced the linkages

¹ UN Document, A/50/377, September 1995.