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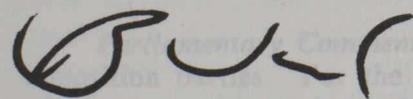
The Guide is a survey of major developments in international peace and security over the past year, and of Canadian policy statements and Parliamentary debates in that field. I believe it provides an invaluable tool for all Canadians who wish to keep abreast of the many events and changes going on in today's world. It also serves as a compendium and reference volume for speakers, researchers and others who need accessible, reliable information on Canada's contributions to global affairs.

This fourth edition of *The Guide* covers the year 1988-1989, focussing on areas specified in the mandate of the Institute. It deals first with such questions as the continuing arms control and disarmament efforts between East and West, the impact of the federal budget on defence spending and planning, and developments in various regional conflicts in the Middle East, Central America, and elsewhere. All the points examined relate to important items on international or Canadian peace and security agendas.

The Guide helps its users keep track of critical developments in the search for nuclear arms control and conventional force reductions in Europe. It follows the prospects for new agreements on chemical weapons and nuclear testing, and explains the threats to international efforts to control the spread of nuclear weapons. It provides a record of recent developments in conflicts in Lebanon, South East Asia and elsewhere.

In many sections, the record surveys international developments before concentrating on Canadian Government policies and Parliamentary exchanges. In other cases, the spotlight is primarily on Canada, focussing on questions like sovereignty in the Arctic, the defence and surveillance of North American airspace, defence equipment programmes, and peacekeeping.

For those readers in this country and elsewhere who wish to trace the development of Canadian policies on international peace and security last year, and to judge Canada's performance over that time, I trust that you will find this fourth annual edition to be as useful as the preceding ones.



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