

## Introduction

On December 6, 1991, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted Resolution 46/36L, *Transparency in Armaments*, by a vote of 150-0. This resolution called upon the Secretary-General to establish a "universal and non-discriminatory Register of Conventional Arms, to include data on international arms transfers as well as information provided by Member States on military holdings and procurement through national production and relevant policies." The resulting United Nations Register of Conventional Arms had seven categories: battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, large calibre artillery systems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships, and missiles and missile launchers. This document is an annotated bibliography of publicly available material on the Register. It is divided into five parts.

Part A consists of annotations of UN documents and resolutions relevant to the creation and maintenance of the Register, arranged in chronological order, beginning with "Study on the Ways and Means of Promoting Transparency in International Transfers of Conventional Arms," dated September, 1991. The annotations summarize the scope of each document and list its major arguments. For ease of reference, a serial number has been assigned to each citation. This number appears in the left margin before each annotation, and corresponds to the numbers included in the author and keyword indexes at the end of this report.

Part B is a series of annotations of publications which offer substantive comment on the scope and performance of the Register. The criteria for inclusion are as follows: first, written in or after 1991 and publicly available by August 1995; second, offering some analysis or assessment of the Register. Articles which merely reported the progress of the Register, without analytical comment, are not included. As in part A, each publication is annotated. This summary describes the scope of the article or book, lists the major arguments, and reports the conclusions. For the sake of clarity, part B is organized by publication date. Section B.1 consists of annotations of works published in 1991, B.2 encompasses 1992 studies, and so on through section B.5 which covers 1995. Within each section, articles are listed alphabetically by (first-named) author, and, in the case of multiple publications by one author, by title. As in part A, articles in this section have been assigned a serial number. Publications dated 1991 have numbers starting with 101; publications from 1992 start at 201, and so on through 1995 documents which begin with the number 501.

Part C is an appendix which reproduces, in its entirety, the resolution which founded the Register, 46/36L, in December 1991.

Part D is an author index which lists, alphabetically, the authors who wrote the documents examined in parts A and B. Where an article was written anonymously on behalf of an institution (e.g. the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), the institution is listed as the author. Following each author's name is a list of the serial number(s) corresponding to his/her articles. The numbering system makes possible quick reference from the author and keyword indexes. For instance, the following reference appears in the author index:

Anthony, Ian: 301, 402, 403.