



## Arms Control and Disarmament: Glossary of Acronyms

### BACKGROUNDER

ABM — Anti-Ballistic Missile (Treaty, system, etc.)

ACD — Arms Control and Disarmament

ACDA — Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (US)

ALBM — Air-Launched Ballistic Missile

ALCM — Air-Launched Cruise Missile

ASAT — Anti-Satellite

ASW — Anti-Submarine Warfare

AWACS — Airborne Warning and Control System

B-1 — Designation for a type of US heavy bomber

BMD — Ballistic Missile Defence — same as ABM in most contexts

BMEWS — Ballistic Missile Early Warning System

BW — Bacteriological (Biological) Weapons (Convention)

C<sup>3</sup> — Command, Control and Communications

C<sup>3</sup>I — Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence

CAT — Conventional Arms Transfers

CBM — Confidence-Building Measure

CCACD — Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament

CCD — Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (1969-1979)  
 – Successor of ENDC (1969)  
 – Succeeded by CD (1980)

CD — Committee on Disarmament (1980-1983)  
 – Successor of CCD (1969-1979)  
 – Changed name in 1984

CD — Conference on Disarmament (1984- )

CDE — Conference on Disarmament in Europe (refer to CCSDMDE)

CCSDMDE — Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe (“Stockholm Conference”)

CEP — Circular Error Probable

CIIA — Canadian Institute of International Affairs

CIIPS — Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security

CISS — Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies

COPUOS — Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space  
 – Also: UNCOUOS

CPD — Comprehensive Programme on Disarmament

CSBM — Confidence- and Security-Building Measure

CSCE — Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe — “Helsinki Agreement”

CTB — Comprehensive Test Ban

CTBT — Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

“Cut-off” — Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes

CW — Chemical Weapons

DEW — Distant Early Warning (replaced by “North Warning”)

DMZ — Demilitarized Zone

ENDC — Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament  
 – Successor of Ten Nation Committee

on Disarmament  
 – Succeeded by CCD (1969) and CD (1979)

ENMOD — Environmental Modification (Convention)

ERW — Enhanced Radiation Weapon  
 – Also: Enhanced Radiation Warhead  
 – Also: “Neutron Bomb”

EUREKA — Proposed by France in early 1985 as plan to unite Europe in field of high tech research

FBS — Forward-Based Systems

FROD — Functionally Recognizable Observable Difference  
 – Assists NTM to distinguish between nuclear and non-nuclear weapons of the same generic type under SALT II

GCD — General and Complete Disarmament

GLCM — Ground-Launched Cruise Missile

IAEA — International Atomic Energy Agency

ICBM — Intercontinental Ballistic Missile

ICDSI — Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues (Palme Commission)

INF — Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces  
 – Also: IRTNF; (this acronym is replacing TNF)

INFCE — International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation

IOZOP — Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace

IRBM — Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile

IRTNF — Intermediate-Range Theatre Nuclear Forces — Also: INF or TNF

ISDE — International Seismic Data Exchange

ISMA — International Satellite Monitoring Agency

KT — Kiloton  
 – Equivalent to 1 000 tons of TNT