

INTRODUCTION

In 1983, with the initiation of intense multilateral negotiations in the area of chemical weapons under Canadian chairmanship, Canada began a series of issue-specific compendiums as a primary research tool. These consisted of the minutes of Conference on Disarmament meetings (PV), plenary working papers (WP) and Ad Hoc Committee working papers (CD/--/WP). Subsequently, these compendiums were shared with other interested parties and distributed within the CD to assist and accelerate its work. Separate compendiums covered chemical weapons, outer space, and radiological weapons.

In this same spirit and in preparation for the early stages of negotiations towards a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), the Verification Research Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has produced a set of volumes compiling material from the CD on the subject of a nuclear test ban. These volumes include:

- PV 1990-1993 (January 1994)
- CD/NTB/WP 1990-1993 (January 1994)
- WP 1990-1993 (January 1994)

Purpose

This Subject Index seeks to serve as a second step in the basic research process. It has been designed to assist negotiators and researchers in their work as it relates to the verification aspects of a CTBT. Specifically, the Subject Index serves to facilitate subject access by indicating which working papers for the years 1976-1993 deal with a given subject and by drawing attention to comparable and/or related subject terms. It constitutes a companion volume to the compilations of CD plenary working papers (WP) and Ad Hoc Committee working papers (CD/NTB/WP) mentioned above.

While many scientific and technical advances have been achieved relating to verification of a nuclear test ban, many earlier ideas continue to have relevance to current concepts. Subject access to CD working papers throughout 1976-1993 should, therefore, provide a useful research tool for the on-going negotiations.

Scope

The listing of subject headings found in this Subject Index draws exclusively on the working papers which various national governments and the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts (AHGSE) have submitted in the period 1976-93 in the plenary sessions of the CCD and CD, and also during the proceedings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on a Nuclear Test Ban (AHWGNTB) and later the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban (AHCNTB).