The Committee on International Security of the National Academy of Sciences has prepared five reports on arms control and nonproliferation in the 1990s. The substance of these reports and the other work of CISAC will be briefly summarized.

In December 1987, Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev stated that they would “trust, but verify” on nuclear weapons reductions. One of the areas of constant concern is, “how much verification is enough.” We will analyze the START-II Treaty in terms of the “effective” verification standard. Lastly, we will explore the verification standard for newer types of treaty arrangements.

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