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This issue of *The Nonproliferation Review* features discussions of several of the most pressing items on the nonproliferation agenda. It includes a special report section that summarizes a Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) project to assess US nonproliferation assistance to the former Soviet Union. These reports assess the elimination and physical protection of strategic weapons (John Lepingwell and Nikolai Sokov), programs dealing with the naval fuel cycle and nuclear submarine dismantlement (James Clay Moltz), efforts to prevent the spread of chemical and biological weapons (Jonathan Tucker and Kathleen Vogel), efforts to secure fissile materials (Emily Ewell Daughtry and Fred Wehling), and programs dealing with export controls, illicit trafficking, and brain drain (Scott Parrish and Tamara Robinson). A viewpoint by William Potter and Fred Wehling of CNS also discusses the long-term sustainability of nuclear material security in the NIS. As a scheduled US decision about whether to deploy national missile defenses approaches, Joseph Cirincione (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace) critiques the most recent US intelligence assessment of the ballistic missile threat. Viewpoints by Jayantha Dhanapala (United Nations) and Tariq Rauf (CNS) discuss the key issues before the impending 2000 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference. Gavin Cameron (CNS) assesses the threat of terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction, as well as US programs to address that threat. And Yong-Sup Han (Korea National Defense University) analyzes North Korea's strategies and tactics in nuclear negotiations. Finally, the two lead articles apply some prominent theoretical concepts from recent academic scholarship to interesting historical cases. Jacques Hymans (Harvard University) traces the impact of conceptions of national identity on Australia's nuclear weapons policies, while William Long (Georgia Tech) and Suzette Grillot (University of Oklahoma) examine the roles of causal beliefs and identities in nuclear decisionmaking in South Africa and Ukraine.

This is the first issue in our new partnership with Lynne Rienner Publishers, in which it will be handling printing and distribution of the journal. With this issue, we are also introducing several modest changes to our formatting and contents. Our annual subscription now starts with this the Spring issue, and includes a Summer issue (available in July) and a Fall-Winter issue (available in November). We have discontinued the "Nuclear- and Missile-Related Trade and Developments" section in order to devote more space to analytical items. We are introducing a new "Correspondence" section with letters commenting on the substance of previous *Review* articles; in all cases, authors of the articles being critiqued will be given an opportunity to reply. I invite reader feedback on these changes or any other aspect of the *Review*.

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