

PREFACE

The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty: Origin and Implementation, 1959-1979 is widely regarded to be the definitive work about the negotiation and first decade of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Unfortunately, this three-volume study has long been out of print, and it is unavailable even at many major research libraries. In order to remedy this situation and to make the study more accessible to scholars, students, and diplomats, the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) and the Monterey Institute Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) have collaborated to produce an exact replica of the original work in compact disk (CD) format. It is our shared view that knowledge of the negotiating history of the NPT and the implementation of the treaty during its formative period remains vitally important today, at a time when the Treaty faces both new and continuing challenges.

It is especially important to recall and reflect upon this history given the greatly diminished institutional memory of the NPT in many countries. The value of such reflection was reinforced at the Workshop on the Institutional Memory of the NPT in Nyon, Switzerland in March 2010, which brought together four prior presidents of NPT Review Conferences to share their collective wisdom with the president-designate of the 2010 NPT Review Conference. It was during this discussion of lessons learned—both positive and negative—that the idea for creating a CD version of the original multi-volume book was conceived.

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