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699. Dorn, A. Walter. **Index to the Chemical Weapons Convention.** New York, United Nations, 1993. 66p. (United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research. Research Paper, no.18). \$15.00pa. ISBN 92-9045-081-9. S/N GV.E.93.0.13.

The Chemical Weapons Convention is probably the world's most detailed multilateral disarmament treaty. Covering more than 1,000 topics and subtopics addressed in the convention, this index provides much-needed subject access to specific articles and paragraphs within the 172-page treaty, including its annexes and the "Text on the Establishment of a Preparatory Commission." As an additional aid, the author includes both an abbreviated and detailed table of contents to the text of the convention and a list of the page numbers for specific paragraphs within the text.

The author does not claim that the index is comprehensive or exhaustive, but attests that the indexing is thorough and the work exhausting. Dorn is too modest. The index, which was compiled using computer-aided keyword searches, is both detailed and comprehensive and includes many cross-references. It will be a boon to everyone doing research in the area of international arms control.—**James S. Heller**