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## Preface

This is the second report issued by the Council of Defense-Strategic Studies, and expands on the Council's first report published in May of 2001. The purpose of the Council of Defense-Strategic Studies, established in 1999, is to conduct broad interdisciplinary analysis and reviews of the global strategic environment, and to provide suggestions on the shape future Japanese defense strategy should take. The Council is based at the Japan Defense Agency's National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS). Though the Council membership is comprised of experts in a wide variety of fields who represent the positions of their respective academic fields, analysis and review is not limited exclusively to strict academic debate. Instead, the Council's working principle calls for uninhibited discussions based on the views and insights of individual members, cultivated from their past research and personal experience. Rather than confining members to materials prepared by the Council office, each meeting features presentations by two Council members, followed by free-ranging discussions. The NIDS office staff provides clerical support, and the Institute serves as a forum for the Council of Defense-Strategic Studies meetings it hosts. NIDS refrains from pushing the Council to reach single definitive conclusions on subjects in order to encourage an environment conducive to uninhibited discussion and review.

The content of this report is based on Council discussions held over the course of the two-year period between 2001 and 2002. Dramatic changes both at home and abroad took place over those two years. While the September 11 attacks, military action in Afghanistan, the division between the U.S. and Europe on the Iraq issue, and the Iraqi operation by U.S. and U.K. troops have taken

place on the global stage, a series of significant moves have also been taken in Japan – the enactment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and the dispatch of SDF warships to the Indian Ocean, the enactment of the Three Bills to Respond to Military Attack and the subsequently proposed legislative program, and the enactment of the Law Concerning the Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq. Compiled during this period of intense change, the Council hopes that the report will provide valuable reference material for those associated with the Japan Defense Agency, and all others interested in security.

Members of the Council of Defense-Strategic Studies are listed on the following page. The Council also wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Professor Masayuki Yamauchi (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, Area Studies, Tokyo University), and Professor Jong Won Lee (Faculty of Law, Rikkyo University), for their presentations on their respective fields of expertise, as well as their invaluable participation in our discussions.

Finally, as is clear from the inherent nature of this Council as described above, the content of this report does not reflect the views of the Japan Defense Agency or the National Institute for Defense Studies.

Note:

Dr. Yuichiro Nagao (Chief of the First Research Office, First Research Department, National Institute for Defense Studies, Japan Defense Agency) passed away suddenly in the U.S. capitol, Washington DC, where he was attending an IISS meeting. The news of his death has left each and every one of us at a great loss. Dr.

Nagao has been an indispensable part of the operations of the Council of Defense-Strategic Studies since it was first established. He left for the U.S. directly after the Council completed the original draft of this report, which could never have been compiled without all of his dedicated work. We consider this report his posthumous work. Each Council member and all involved with the Council of Defense-Strategic Studies join with me in paying our deep respects to Dr. Yuichiro Nagao.

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