PREFACE

This study is the part of the inquiry to understand and explain the Russian security perception with regard to the NATO expansion under the ages of new political world order. The main focus of this study is to explain the relationship between politics and military strategy and an assessment of the threat of the Russian security and the nature of future war. It also seeks to analyse the general Russian perception of the world, including the existing system of international relationship – the roots of major conflicts and contradiction in them.

For a variety of reasons scholars and, indeed, policy makers have tended to view such issues as strategy, doctrine, force posture, defence, decision making, and civil military relations only as they pertain to actors in the international arena and the issues across national borders.

The post-11 September 2001 focus on proliferation Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

The aim is to discuss the implication of the reconceptualisation of security. Changes in the security environment and the consequent reconceptualisation of security are still going on. These developments are composed of different strands, which makes it difficult to summarize them briefly. It is an attempt to capture some of the major elements in these changes. It gives a brief description of the post – Cold War conceptualisation of threats, risks and challenges, outlining the main developments in four areas: military territorial threats, terrorism, intra-state armed conflicts, and a
range of broader and deeper challenges to security, including functional security and human security.

The study is descriptive, historical and analytical based on a whole range of Russian and translated primary and secondary sources. It includes biographical directories and databases, memoirs of leading political leaders and their interviews that were published and these include the interviews of the highest members of the Party and academicians and journalists. For the purpose of this study much of the data was collected, the documents and reports which include summary records of the meetings and reference papers submitted by the states and the Bureau of the committee of the whole. In addition many websites (internet materials) had been surfed for information about the issues and debate surrounding the security and strategic policy.

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