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The last decade has demonstrated that threats to security vary greatly in their causes and manifestations and that they invite interest and demand responses from the social sciences, civil society, and a very broad policy community. In the past, the avoidance of war was the primary objective, but with the end of the Cold War the retention of military defence as the centrepiece of international security agenda became untenable. There has been, therefore, a significant shift in emphasis away from traditional approaches to security to a new agenda that talks of the softer side of security, in terms of human security, economic security, and environmental security. The topical New Security Challenges series reflects this pressing political and research agenda.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

APC	Armoured Personnel Carrier
BIMCO	Baltic and International Maritime Council
BMA	Bahamas Maritime Authority
BMP	Best Management Practices
CAF	Canadian Armed Forces
CDF	Civil Defence Force
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CTF	Combined Task Force
EIC	East India Company
EO	Executive Outcomes
EU	European Union
FAA	Angolan Armed Forces
FNLA	National Front for the Liberation of Angola
FOB	Forward Operating Base
ICS	International Chamber of Shipping
IMB	International Maritime Bureau
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IRTC	International Recommended Transit Corridor
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OAU	Organization of African Unity
PMSC	Private Military and Security Company
PVI	Protection Vessels International
RAF	Royal Air Force
RMA	Revolution in Military Affairs
RUF	Revolutionary United Front

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SADF	South African Defence Force
SALW	Small Arms and Light Weapons
SAMI	Security Association for the Maritime Industry
SANDF	South African National Defence Force
SAS	Special Air Service
SHADE	Shared Awareness and Deconfliction
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNITA	Union for the Total Independence of Angola
USAF	United States Air Force
USN	United States Navy
VPD	Vessel Protection Detachment