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This volume is dedicated to the memory of

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our friend and colleague

and

Co-Director of the NATO Advanced Research Workshop
whose findings are reported in this volume
Preface

The first decade of the 21st century has seen the development of new international approaches to strengthening nuclear security and combating the threat of nuclear terrorism. These approaches include the adoption of new and revised international legal instruments that mandate countries to take certain measures in this critical area. In parallel, a number of initiatives have proceeded on the basis of non-binding principles and other voluntary mechanisms to address nuclear terrorism. Notwithstanding the recent enhancement of international legal approaches to addressing the threat to nuclear security, substantive and procedural arrangements must be significantly strengthened.

For two days, on January 28 and 29, 2010, over 100 international experts from more than 20 countries and international organizations discussed ways to deal with this range of critical issues. Organized by the University of Georgia’s Center for International Trade and Security (CITS), Dean Rusk Center for International Law, and School of Public and International Affairs, in partnership with the Russian Institute of World Economy and International Relations, and sponsored by the NATO Science for Peace and Security Program, Nuclear Threat Initiative, World Institute for Nuclear Security, University of Salzburg, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, American Bar Association, and other partners, the Advanced Research Workshop—“Legal Framework for Strengthening Nuclear Security and Combating Nuclear Terrorism”—was held in Vienna, Austria. This volume reflects the presentations and deliberations of workshop participants in an attempt to summarize the current understanding of, and approaches to, the legal framework for nuclear security and counterterrorism. It is the authors’ hope that the materials from this volume will be useful for governments, international organizations, researchers, and practitioners worldwide in their efforts to secure nuclear materials and prevent nuclear terrorism.
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