

8. The Ad Hoc Group discussed cost estimates of the system planned for GSETT-3. The Group noted that the global seismic network being planned for testing draws heavily on prior investments in seismic facilities built on a national basis. An analysis of the costs for GSETT-3 is attached as annex 2. The cost of the eventual system to be tested depends on a number of factors governing the implementation of the future system. Some of the key factors are provided in this annex. Additional guidance on these factors will need to be provided by the Conference on Disarmament before refinements to the cost estimates can be made.

9. The Ad Hoc Group noted with appreciation the convening of two informal technical meetings since its previous session. The first meeting was hosted by Italy in Rome from 1 to 3 March 1993 and had as its purpose to consider seismological procedures. The second meeting was convened by the United States in Lansdowne, Virginia from 29 June to 2 July 1993, to consider issues to assist the Ad Hoc Group in its planning for GSETT-3. Many participants of the Group were able to attend and contribute to these meetings. This aided in the Group's continued work.

10. The Ad Hoc Group received and appreciated briefings from individual delegations on the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban. The Group agreed to invite the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to its next session to give presentations on issues dealt with by the Committee that are relevant to the work of the Ad Hoc Group.

11. The Ad Hoc Group appreciated the offer by Dr. Gerald Duma of Austria to act as a contact person to maintain informal contact with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

12. The Group received and discussed a number of proposals for work in the areas of seismic event identification methods, non-seismological monitoring techniques, and for the expansion of the mandate so as to include the consideration of non-seismic methods. No consensus was reached on these proposals. It was agreed that informal consultations would be carried out on these subjects under the aegis of the Chairman and reported upon at the next session of the Group.

13. The Ad Hoc Group suggests that its next session be convened from 7-18 February 1994 in Geneva, or at a date that is most responsive to the needs of the Conference on Disarmament. In addition, the Ad Hoc Group recognizes that, depending on the activities of the Conference on Disarmament, it may become necessary to meet more frequently than in the past.