

12. The Ad Hoc Group also conducted initial discussions on evaluation criteria for GSETT-2, based upon draft guidelines worked out by a specially appointed study group.

13. In the light of the experience accumulated so far the Group revised its preliminary plans and instructions for GSETT-2, and agreed to proceed in accordance with the schedule annexed to this progress report.

14. During the time period until the Group's next session, GSETT-2 will continue with a number of activities, gradually building up to the envisaged full-scale testing of the proposed system concepts:

- New NDCs will be established by countries planning to join the GSETT-2, and communication arrangements between these NDCs and EIDCs will be made.
- New procedures will be worked out and tested regarding processing of Level I and II data at EIDCs.
- Experimental exchange of data for the purpose of testing the communication facilities will be carried out during the period 15 October - 2 November 1990.

15. The Group also discussed the schedule for the full-scale test (Phase 3) of GSETT-2. Phase 3 will be carried out in two parts. The first part will take place from 26 November - 9 December 1990, and will involve exchange of data from all participating stations for 7 consecutive data days and processing of these data at the four EIDCs. The main phase of GSETT-2, involving continuous full-scale testing over an extended period of time, will be conducted during the first half of 1991.

16. The Ad Hoc Group suggests that its next session, subject to approval by the Conference on Disarmament, should be convened from 11-22 February 1991.