

(Mr. Ledogar, United States)

My delegation was gratified that the recent GSE session saw many opportunities for valuable exchanges between GSE and the nuclear test ban Ad Hoc Committee. These exchanges continued to show that both bodies have much to gain by interaction and discussion. Accordingly, we believe that it would be worth while for CD delegations to gain a better insight and understanding of the GSE international data centre located in Arlington, Virginia, near Washington D.C. This centre will be used during the upcoming GSETT-3 experiment.

To that end, I have the pleasure to announce that the United States Government is inviting interested heads of CD delegations or their representatives to visit this centre during the upcoming United Nations First Committee session. The United States GSE delegation will host this event, and my Government is looking at the time frame of between 1 November and 4 November. The United States currently envisions that this will be a one-day affair, with CD delegates travelling from New York and returning, at their own expense, for briefings and demonstrations of the capabilities of the international data centre.

The United States delegation believes that such an event will help to go a long way in understanding technical seismic capabilities in the GSETT-3 context, and their possible application to the verification of an eventual comprehensive test-ban treaty. I am happy to extend this verbal invitation and I will follow up with details at a later stage.

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Mr. BAATI (Tunisia)

... Our attachment to peace and security has on many occasions been reflected in the prompt signature and swift adoption of the international instruments negotiated in the field of disarmament. Tunisia's participation in the Paris

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