

The Group appreciates the offer by the United States to develop and operate an experimental IDC. The work to establish and test this IDC is under way and stations are being connected on a case-by-case basis.

A plan to conduct an acceptance test in 1994 of the IDC is being developed. The purpose of this acceptance test is to verify that the IDC meets the GSE requirements set forth for the experimental ISMS.

The GSE envisages that full-scale global testing of the experimental international seismic monitoring system can commence on 1 January 1995.