

IV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

32. The Ad Hoc Committee agreed that, given the short time at its disposal, it had carried out a preliminary examination of specific and inter-related test ban issues. Bearing in mind the long awaited agreement on the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee, it was recognized that these initial discussions were useful in preparing the ground for further consideration of the issue.

33. The Ad Hoc Committee noted with appreciation the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events. Its second technical test (GSETT-2) was considered to be of particular importance and it was recommended that more States participate in the test. The participation of the officials of the Ad Hoc Group in the work of the Committee was appreciated and it was generally felt that the Ad Hoc Committee should continue the practice of meeting with experts of the Ad Hoc Group.

34. It was agreed that substantive work on agenda item 1 should continue at the 1991 session of the Conference and that, accordingly, it would be appropriate to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with recently established procedures.

In the absence of consensus on a specific time frame, the Group of 21 and many other delegations stated that the Ad Hoc Committee should be re-established at the beginning of the 1991 session.