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The transmission of this complete set of parameters via the GTS/WMO system on the basis of an official recognition of the Group of Experts by WMO;

Examination, by practical tests, of the possibility of the transmission of Level 2 data over WMO lines as well as other data channels; the elaboration of standard formats for this purpose;

The development and experimental verification of analytical procedures in data centres, using modern evaluation methods, and leading to a comparison of results of Level 1 and Level 2 data respectively.

I would like to stress that a more experimental orientation of the work of the experts would provide results which would be particularly valuable for those countries which are not seismologically equipped themselves and which could use the exchange system as a basis for their own verification efforts in the field of nuclear testing. In any event, my delegation feels that both the work of the Group of Experts during this year and our debate in plenary on 24 August have demonstrated the necessity of building into the mandate the assumption that all participating countries are politically and technically prepared to apply the most recent insights of science and technology, and make the fullest conceivable use of them.

Turning now to the field of chemical weapons, I would like to voice the satisfaction of my delegation over the mode of work which the Ad Hoc Working Group in that field has adopted. The present negotiating method of launching a number of small, spirited groups without a precise mandate has turned out to be quite successful. This is an experiment in multilateral negotiation from which we may wish to draw our lessons for other endeavours as well. We should commend Chairman Sujka for having introduced this flexible negotiation scenario; for the first time, our chemical weapons negotiators have gone beyond the mere juxtaposition of the positions of individual country perspectives. They have now started to evaluate the difference between their views and to agree, increasingly, on common positions.

Earlier during this session my delegation commented upon a particularly important feature of the current negotiating session: the new language on international verification offered in New York by the Soviet delegation and reintroduced here. We have tried to move the negotiation along constructively by asking the Soviet delegation some questions on aspects which we thought would need further clarification. These questions were put forward in document CD/CW/CRP.63. In order to make our list of questions even clearer, and to