

The following conference room papers were before the Ad Hoc Committee:

- CD/NTB/CRP.7, dated 20 July 1990, entitled "Indicative Timetable of Meetings".
- CD/NTB/CRP.8, dated 16 August 1990, and Rev.1, dated 17 August 1990, entitled "Draft Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban".

Furthermore, upon the request of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Secretariat updated a list of documents relating to a Nuclear Test Ban, submitted to the Conference of the Eighteen Nation Committee on Disarmament, the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, the Committee on Disarmament, and the Conference on Disarmament (CD/NTB/INF.1/Add.1).

III. SUBSTANTIVE WORK DURING THE 1990 SESSION

7. At its first meeting on 20 July 1990, the Ad Hoc Committee took the following decisions with respect to its work for the short time at its disposal before the end of the 1990 session, namely:

- i) that there should be no written programme of work for the 1990 session;
- ii) that the Ad Hoc Committee conduct a general exchange of views based on its above mandate, specifically paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, as its de facto programme of work;
- iii) that, in order to take into account the work of the Conference's Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events, officials of the Ad Hoc Group be invited to report to the Ad Hoc Committee;
- iv) that the Chairman conduct informal consultations, parallel to the formal meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee, on a detailed programme of work to prepare the ground for future consideration of the item.

8. The work of the Ad Hoc Committee took place in the light of the many views that had been expressed in plenary meetings of the Conference throughout the 1990 session as contained in its official records.

9. A general exchange of views was held during the four meetings which the Ad Hoc Committee devoted to substantive work. All delegations welcomed the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee as it offered a long awaited opportunity for a focused consideration of the issue. Though the Ad Hoc Committee had little time at its disposal, delegations felt that these preliminary deliberations could be useful in preparing the ground for further consideration of the issue. They also shared the wish that the positive changes in the international political environment may facilitate the Ad Hoc Committee's work on the agenda item.