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NDCs also contributed to the evaluation phase of the system-wide performance test. Many interesting results were reported during the NDC Evaluation Workshop which was held in Rome, Italy, from 17 to 21 October 2005. More than 25 NDCs and station operators participated and provided feedback during the workshop (see also CTBTO Spectrum No.7, page 5)

The cooperation between the PTS and NDCs is a very important factor in the build-up and fine-tuning of the verification regime. Based on the feedback received from the NDCs, the IDC is improving its systems within the guidelines of the draft International Monitoring System and International Data Centre Operational Manuals. ■

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