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well-recorded world-wide. The PTS made available a good location in SEL1 within two hours. It issued the REB for 9 October within the timescale planned for after entry into force, and the REB location corroborated the location issued in SEL1. Moreover, the REB reduced the location uncertainty to less than the 1,000 square kilometres, the maximum allowed for an on-site inspection under the Treaty. Thus the PTS was able to provide States Signatories with valuable information that would assist them to make their judgements – the system worked as intended. This was achieved with less than 60% of IMS stations contributing to provisional operations,

at a time when IDC's data processing systems and formal procedures are still incomplete or under development, and when the organization is in a test and provisional operation mode only. This bodes very well for the future verifiability of the CTBT.

Also included in the IMS network are radionuclide particulate stations and radionuclide noble gas stations, although the latter are currently operating only on an experimental basis. Radionuclide monitoring results relevant to this DPRK event will be described in the next edition of *CTBTO Spectrum*. ■

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