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Twenty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative
Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statements submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.5/35/101 to A/C.5/35/106 and A/C.5/35/109) on the administrative and financial implications of nine draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee under agenda items 31, 32, 34, 37, 44 (j) and 48.

2. The Secretary-General estimates total costs in 1981 and 1982-1983 at \$6,528,700, of which \$2,800,400 relates to 1981 and \$3,728,300 to 1982-1983, as follows:

Table 1

Secretary-General's statement	Draft resolution or draft decision	1981			1982-1983	
		Section 2B	Section 29	Total	Section 2B	Section 29
(United States dollars)						
A/C.5/35/101	A/C.1/35/L.17/Rev.1, operative para. 3	11 100	-	11 100	-	-
	A/C.1/35/L.26, operative para. 5	17 300	-	17 300	-	-
	A/C.1/35/L.30, operative para. 9	9 900	-	9 900	-	-
A/C.5/35/102	A/C.1/35/L.19, operative para. 2	118 000	693 200	811 200	-	-
A/C.5/35/103	A/C.1/35/L.43/Rev.2, operative paras. 4 and 5	50 500	611 300	661 800	-	-
A/C.5/35/104	A/C.1/35/L.46, operative para. 1	35 000	-	35 000	-	-
A/C.5/35/105	A/C.1/35/L.16, operative para. 1	-	141 000	141 000	94 800	538 400
A/C.5/35/106	A/C.1/35/L.2/Rev.1, operative paras. 1 and 4	44 400	153 900	198 300	235 700	2 286 500
A/C.5/35/109	A/C.1/35/L.10, operative paras. 1-6	139 800	775 000	914 800	30 900	542 000
		426 000	2 374 400	2 800 400	361 400	3 366 900

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3. As can be seen from table 1 above the Secretary-General estimates that total conference-servicing requirements under section 29, calculated on a full-cost basis, will amount to \$2 374,400 in 1981 and \$3 366,900 in 1982-1983. The requirements for 1981 will be reflected in the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted towards the end of the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly. The Secretary-General states that conference-servicing requirements for 1982-1983 will be incorporated in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

4. The 1982-1983 requirements under section 2B, which are currently estimated by the Secretary-General at \$361,400, will also be reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

5. Accordingly, the Secretary-General's request for appropriations is limited at this stage to \$426,000 under section 2B, broken down as follows:

Secretary-General's statement	Object of expenditure					TOTAL Section 2B
	Ad hoc expert groups	Consultants	Staff travel	Contractual/external printing	Temporary assistance	
	(United States dollars)					
A/C.5/35/101	-	-	-	38,300	-	38,300
A/C.5/35/102	88,000	18,000	12,000	-	-	118,000
A/C.5/35/103	35,000	15,500	-	-	-	50,500
A/C.5/35/104	-	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
A/C.5/35/105 <u>a/</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
A/C.5/35/106	38,400	6,000	-	-	-	44,400
A/C.5/35/109	72,400	13,700	5,000	32,200	16,500	139,800
	233,800	88,200	17,000	70,500	16,500	426,000

a/ In para. 6 of document A/C.5/35/105, the Secretary-General states that requirements for an expert group meeting and for the related consultancy services, estimated at \$44,700, will be met from within approved appropriations.

6. The Advisory Committee notes that the estimate of \$88 200 for consultants is for a total of 14 1/2 months of consultancy services at the P-5 level.

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A. Document A/C.5/35/104

World disarmament campaign (draft resolution A/C.1/35/L.46)

7. In paragraphs 3 and 5 of document A/C.5/35/104, the Secretary-General requests \$35 000 for three consultants at the P-5 level for two months each to carry out work relating to the organization and financing of a world disarmament campaign under the auspices of the United Nations. The Advisory Committee notes in this connexion that operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/C.1/35/L.46) requests the Secretary-General to carry out the study with the assistance of a small group of experts, for whose composition, in so far as circumstances permit, preference should be given to members of the United Nations Secretariat. The study will cover an area for which considerable expertise should exist in the Secretariat, in particular in the Centre for Disarmament. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that the request for consultants should be reduced to \$17,500 (three months at the P-5 level).

B. Document A/C.5/35/106

Study on conventional disarmament (draft resolution
A/C.1/35/L.2/Rev.1)

8. In paragraph 8 of document A/C.5/35/106 the Secretary-General requests \$44,400 under section 2B, comprising \$38,400 for travel and subsistence of 15 experts who would attend a two week session in New York in July 1981, and \$6,000 for one month of consultancy services at the P-5 level, in connexion with a study on conventional disarmament.

9. The Advisory Committee notes in this connexion that, under the terms of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/C.1/35/L.2/Rev.1), the General Assembly would approve in principle the carrying out of the study in question and would leave it to the Disarmament Commission to work out the general approach to the study, its structure and scope. The Secretary-General is requested to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its second special session devoted to disarmament (which, the Advisory Committee understands, is scheduled for mid-1981) and a final report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session (i.e., in 1983).

10. In the circumstances, the Advisory Committee believes that a request for appropriations at the current session of the General Assembly would be premature, since the volume of work which will have to be carried out in 1981 will become known only after the Disarmament Commission has conveyed to the Secretary General the guidelines for the study pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution. To the extent that such work cannot be financed from within already approved resources, the Committee recommends that recourse be had to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/231 of 20 December 1979 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1980-1981.

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C. Ad hoc expert groups

11. As can be seen from table 2 above, the Secretary-General estimates requirements for ad hoc expert groups at a total of \$195,400, excluding the estimate in document A/C.5/35/106 (see paras. 8-10 above). The Advisory Committee has been informed by representatives of the Secretary-General that an amount of \$512,300 will be available to the Centre for Disarmament for ad hoc expert groups in 1981 within already approved appropriations for the biennium 1980-1981. In the circumstances, and bearing in mind that some savings should be possible since past experience shows that not all experts attend all meetings scheduled or participate in them for their entire duration, the Committee recommends that the estimate for ad hoc expert groups should be reduced by \$45,400 to \$150,000.

D. External printing

12. As can be seen from table 2 above, the Secretary-General estimates requirements for external printing at \$70,500. In response to inquiries, the representatives of the Secretary-General informed the Advisory Committee that the balance of \$117,400 for external printing available for 1981 under section 2B will be used in full to produce the Disarmament Yearbook, periodicals and summaries of studies. In this connexion, the Committee recalls that pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 34/230 A of 20 December 1979 on budget appropriations for the biennium 1980-1981, "the total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board". In the circumstances, and bearing in mind that publications included under various sections in the programme budget for a given biennium are often delayed or cancelled, the Committee recommends that the estimate for external printing should be reduced by \$20,500 to \$50,000.

Recapitulation

13. In paragraphs 7, 10, 11 and 12 above the Advisory Committee has recommended reductions totalling \$127,800. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolutions A/C.1/35/L.17/Rev.1, A/C.1/35/L.26, A/C.1/35/L.30, A/C.1/35/L.19, A/C.1/35/L.43/Rev.2, A/C.1/35/L.46, A/C.1/35/L.16, A/C.1/35/L.2/Rev.1 and A/C.1/35/L.10 recommended by the First Committee, additional appropriations in the amount of \$298,200 would arise under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981. The related conference-servicing costs would be reflected in the consolidated statement to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.

14. After pro-rating the reductions recommended by the Advisory Committee in respect of ad hoc expert groups and external printing (see paras. 11 and 12 above) the requirements under section 2B attributable to individual draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee would be as follows:

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<u>Draft resolution</u>	<u>United States dollars</u>
A/C.1/35/L.17/Rev.1)	
A/C.1/35/L.26)	27,200
A/C.1/35/L.30)	
A/C.1/35/L.19	97,600
A/C.1/35/L.43/Rev.2	42,400
A/C.1/35/L.46	17,500
A/C.1/35/L.2/Rev.1	Nil <u>a/</u>
A/C.1/35/L.10	113,500
	<u>298,200</u>

a/ See para. 10 above.