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DECLARATION OF THE 1980s AS THE SECOND DISARMAMENT DECADE

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/35/L.34

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. The First Committee, at its 43rd meeting held on 25 November 1980, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.34. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/35/L.54).
2. Under the terms of the operative paragraph of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/34 of 18 November 1980 the General Assembly, having considered the Elements of the Declaration prepared by the Disarmament Commission, would adopt the document, entitled: "Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade" as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.
3. In accordance with paragraph 20 of the Annex information organs of the United Nations should, "as appropriate, undertake further programmes of information relating to the danger of the armaments race as well as to disarmament efforts and negotiations and their results, particularly by means of annual activities conducted in connexion with Disarmament Week". "... the United Nations, in particular its Centre for Disarmament, should intensify and co-ordinate its programme of publications, audio-visual materials, co-operation with non-governmental organizations and relations with the media. Among its activities, the United Nations should also, in the course of the decade, sponsor seminars in the different regions of the world at which issues relating to world disarmament in general and of the particular region, especially, will be extensively discussed."
4. In respect of the above the Secretary-General intends to undertake during 1981 and 1982 the following information activities:

(a) To sponsor three seminars for non-governmental organizations in three regions: Latin America (Mexico City, 1981), Africa (Nairobi, 1981) and Asia (Bangkok, 1982);

(b) To publish eight issues of fact sheets on disarmament in 1981; and

(c) To sponsor an international disarmament poster competition in 1981.

These activities will serve to launch the information programme for the Second Disarmament Decade in its first two years. It will have for its objective the focusing of world attention on the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, which is the first major United Nations disarmament event of the decade.

5. Sponsoring and holding regional seminars will involve expenditure (i) relating to conference services in respect of interpretation (English and French or English and Spanish), translation of pre- and post-session documentation in a total amount of 345 pages between English and French or Spanish; (ii) for travel and subsistence of 25 representatives of non-governmental organizations from each region, of three staff members of the Secretariat (one ASG and two Professional) and (iii) of one consultant whose services at the equivalent of P-5 level will be needed for a total duration of three months. Based on the assumption that each seminar would last for four days the related costs would be as follows:

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
	\$	\$
(a) Conference services:		
Pre-session documentation		
(120,000 words)		
(languages: E, F or S)	48,600	26,200
Meeting servicing		
(languages of interpretation: E, F or S)	20,400	9,700
Post-session documentation		
(18,000 words)		
(languages: E, F or S)	7,400	3,900
OGS requirements	<u>3,200</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Total	<u>79,600</u>	<u>40,900</u>
(b) Travel and subsistence of 25 representatives of NGOs from each region:	56,900	23,700
Travel and subsistence of staff members of the Secretariat	19,800	17,600
Consultant services	<u>11,700</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total	<u>88,400</u>	<u>48,300</u>

6. Publication of eight issues of disarmament fact sheets in six official languages of the United Nations will involve expenditures in connexion with translation, typing, external printing, reproduction and distribution in a total amount of \$103,600.

7. The sponsorship of an international poster competition will necessitate expenditures in an amount of \$33,500 as follows:

(a) cash price	\$2,500
(b) silver Peace Medals	6,500
(c) 4-colour printing in six languages	18,000
(d) distribution	5,000
(e) rubber stamps	<u>1,500</u>
Total	<u>\$33,500</u>

8. It is envisaged that two temporary posts at P-5 and G-4/3 levels respectively will be needed in 1981 for assistance in the preparation of and participation in information activities as outlined in paragraph 4 above. The Professional post will also be needed in connexion with the preparation of various disarmament information publications for the general public during the preparatory period for the special session on disarmament in 1981. Related expenditures for salaries and common staff costs would amount to \$73,900 net of staff assessment.

9. Accordingly, total estimated expenditures resulting from the draft resolution would amount to \$468,200, of which \$379,000 pertains to 1981 and \$89,200 to 1982.

10. 1981 requirements (\$379,000) include \$265,900 which relate to section 2 B, \$33,500 to section 27 and \$79,600 to section 29. In addition, an amount of \$19,300 would be needed for staff assessment, offset by an equivalent amount of income from staff assessment under income section 1.

11. Conference services requirements in the amount of \$79,600 as indicated in paragraphs 4 and 10 above are based on full cost, at current rates. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1981 is considered it will be indicated in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to what extent the costs of conference servicing dealt with in the present document can be absorbed within existing resources.

12. As regards the 1982 portion of the requirements, it is the intention of the Secretary-General to request an appropriation in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

13. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.34, the Secretary-General would request at this stage additional appropriation in a total amount of \$299,400 of which \$265,900 would be under section 2 B and \$33,500 under section 27. An amount of \$19,300 for staff assessment under section 31 will be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1.