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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH
SPECIAL SESSION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/35/L.7

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 45th meeting held on 26 November 1980, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.7. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/35/L.58).

2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.7 of 3 November 1980 the General Assembly would, inter alia:

(a) Decide to establish a preparatory committee for the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament composed of 78 Member States appointed by the President of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographic distribution;

(b) Request the preparatory committee to prepare a draft agenda for the second special session devoted to disarmament, to examine all relevant questions relating to that session and to submit to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly its recommendations thereon including those with respect to the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the tenth special session devoted to disarmament;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to transmit the replies of Member States pursuant to paragraph 2 above to the preparatory committee and to render it all necessary assistance including the provision of essential background information, relevant documents and summary records;

(d) Requests the preparatory committee to meet for a short organizational session of not longer than one week before 4 December, inter alia, to set the dates for its substantive sessions.

3. It is envisaged that the period of preparation of the special session, tentatively set for June 1982, and the session itself will be approximately 18 months. The preparatory work would start during the present session of the General Assembly, when the members of the preparatory committee will hold its organizational session. It is further envisaged that the preparatory committee will hold two substantive sessions in 1981 and two in 1982 in New York.

4. Provided hereunder are estimates of financial implications of the preparatory activities:

(a) The meetings of the preparatory committee would require provision of interpretation, of translation of pre-, in- and post-session documentation of a total amount of 1,825 pages and of summary records in five languages (C, E, F, R, S). Post-session documentation of the last meetings in 1981 and 1982 would be in six languages. The total duration of the 1981 sessions as well as of the 1982 sessions would be four weeks. Based on these assumptions, the related conference services costs would be as follows:

| | <u>1981</u> | <u>1982</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Pre-session documentation (340,000 words) | 438,600 | 182,500 |
| Meeting servicing (languages of interpretation: C, E, F, R, S) | 139,000 | 139,000 |
| In-session documentation (220,000 words) | 149,400 | 258,300 |
| Post-session documentation (170,000 words) | 95,800 | 243,800 |
| Summary records (80 meetings) | 338,000 | 338,000 |
| OGS requirements | <u>31,200</u> | <u>31,200</u> |
| | 1,192,000 | 1,192,800 |
| Requirement in connexion with inflation | <u>-</u> | <u>71,600</u> |
| Total: | <u>1,192,000</u> | <u>1,264,400</u> |

(b) In order to assist in the preparation of the background documentation for the committee and for the special session and to assist in substantive servicing of the preparatory committee and its drafting bodies, two Professional (one at P-5 and

one at P-4 level) and three General Service temporary posts will be needed in 1981. Related costs in connexion with salaries and common staff costs are estimated at \$156,300 net of staff assessment which will amount to \$38,500. The requirements regarding the possible continuation of the above-mentioned posts will be discussed in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

5. The estimated costs of conference services indicated in paragraph 4 (a) 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 1981 portion of conference servicing costs dealt with in the present document can be absorbed within existing resources. As regards the 1982 portion of the related requirements it will be requested in the context of the 1982-1983 proposed programme budget.

6. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.7 the Secretary-General would request at this stage additional appropriation under section 2 B in an amount of \$156,300. An amount of \$38,500 for staff assessment will be offset by an equivalent amount of income from staff assessment under income section 1.
