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Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions
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WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/35/L.46

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.46. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/35/L.53).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.46 of 18 November 1980, the General Assembly, having examined the relevant section of the report of the Secretary-General on the fourth and fifth sessions of the Advisory Board on disarmament studies (A/35/575), would request that the Secretary-General, 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, carry out a study on the organization and financing of a world disarmament campaign under the auspices of the United Nations.
3. To carry out the study, the Secretariat would require the assistance of three external consultants with appropriate expertise at the equivalent of P-5 level for a total period of two months each. The consultants will meet twice in New York for two weeks each time in the course of 1981, and would not require conference services.
4. The Centre for Disarmament would be closely involved with the carrying out of the study in areas within its competence, including co-ordination with other Secretariat units, as required.

5. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/35/L.46, the Secretary-General would request an additional appropriation in a total amount of \$35,000 under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.
