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

UNITED NATIONS STUDIES ON DISARMAMENT

Study on a comprehensive nuclear test ban

Administrative and financial implications of the draft decision
contained in document A/C.1/34/L.40

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 39th meeting held on 21 November 1979, adopted the draft decision contained in document A/C.1/34/L.40. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/34/L.48).
2. Under the terms of the draft decision contained in document A/C.1/34/L.40, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare the study on the question of a comprehensive nuclear test ban recommended by the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies and by the Secretary-General. The study should include the chapters or sections of the relevant report of the Secretary-General (see A/34/588, para. 14), and should be completed in time to be transmitted to the Committee on Disarmament in the spring of 1980. It would be carried out in accordance with the procedure described in paragraph 16 of the Secretary-General's report.

Paragraph 16 of this report states, inter alia:

"The Secretary-General envisages that this study could be carried out in the United Nations Secretariat, with the help of four consultant experts, engaged for a period of approximately two months. The cost involved, including salaries and travel of the experts, would amount to approximately \$51,000."

3. As indicated in paragraph 17 of the same report, these costs cannot be met from existing resources or from the budgetary estimates contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.

4. Thus, should the draft decision contained in document A/C.1/34/L.40 be adopted, additional appropriations in an amount of \$51,000 would be required under section 2B for general temporary assistance.
