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CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1993 RECOMMENDATION ON THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES AND QUALIFICATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

1. The Legal Committee considered the consolidated report on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education.
2. It took note of the report together with the comments made in that regard by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations at the 197th session of the Executive Board. It also took note of the additional information provided by the representative of the Director-General on the implementation of the Recommendation.
3. A member of the Committee proposed that in the draft resolution, reference be made to the need to initiate a process for the revision of the 1974 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. In that regard, while recalling that it examined only the legal aspects of this item and not its substantive aspects, the Committee noted that such a proposal should be submitted during the consideration of the item before the Education Commission.
4. Another member of the Committee emphasized the importance of the recommendation, particularly in view of the existence of regional programmes for student exchanges between countries. On that point, the Committee considered it best not to amend the draft resolution on such regional programmes, when the project referred to a universal instrument adopted by UNESCO.

5. The Committee adopted formal amendments to the text of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 7 of document 38 C/72, which should read as follows:

The General Conference,

Recalling that at its 27th session (Paris, 1993) it adopted the Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education,

Also recalling that at its 34th session (Paris, 2007) it identified the Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education as a priority to be monitored by the UNESCO Secretariat (34 C/Resolution 87),

Further recalling 36 C/Resolution 12,

Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I), 195 EX/Decision 15, 196 EX/Decision 20 and 197 EX/Decision 20 (VI),

1. *Takes note* of the consolidated report on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education contained in document 38 C/72;
2. *Welcomes* the progress made in the revision of the regional conventions on recognition in higher education;
3. *Invites* all Member States to strengthen their efforts to ensure the full and comprehensive implementation of the 1993 Recommendation;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to:
 - (a) continue to promote the implementation and development of successful mechanisms and infrastructures for implementation of the 1993 Recommendation through the six conventions on recognition in higher education;
 - (b) provide technical support to Member States to facilitate recognition across all regions; and
 - (c) continue monitoring as a priority the 1993 Recommendation, particularly in the context of the revisions to the regional conventions on recognition in higher education,
5. *Invites* the Director-General to submit to the 202nd session of the Executive Board a progress report on the implementation of the Recommendation;
6. *Also invites* the Director-General to transmit to it at its 40th session, the next consolidated report on the implementation of this recommendation and *decides* to include this item in the agenda of its 40th session.