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CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION BY MEMBER STATES OF THE 1974 RECOMMENDATION ON THE STATUS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHERS

1. The Legal Committee examined the consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers.
2. The Committee took note of the report together with the comments made in that regard by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations at the 190th session of the Executive Board. It also took note of the additional information provided by the representative of the Director-General concerning the implementation of this Recommendation, as well as the proposal to revise it submitted for the consideration of the General Conference at its 37th session.
3. The Committee made several amendments to the text of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 11 of document 37 C/28, which should therefore read as follows:

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind Member States' obligations under Article VIII of the Constitution of UNESCO and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution,

Recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II) on the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO's conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided, as well as 189 EX/Decision 13 (III) and 190 EX/Decision 24 (IV),

Having noted that the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board has decided to review its working methods, including in regard to the monitoring of the Organization's standard-setting instruments,

Having examined document 37 C/28,

Noting the submissions made by Member States on the conformity of their legislation and institutional practices with the principles laid down in the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, as well as on the current relevance and adequacy of such principles for science ethics and science policies,

Also bearing in mind the process of revising the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers initiated by 189 EX/Decision 13 (III), 190 EX/Decision 24 (IV) and 192 EX/Decision 10,

Stressing the importance of transmitting to UNESCO, on a periodic basis, precise information on the measures taken by States to establish, protect and promote the status of scientific researchers as defined by the 1974 Recommendation,

1. *Reminds* Member States of the recommendation made by the General Conference that they should bring the 1974 Recommendation to the attention of the authorities, institutions and enterprises responsible for the conduct of research and experimental development and the application of its results, and of the various organizations representing or promoting the interests of scientific researchers in association, and other interested parties;
2. *Further reminds* Member States of the recommendation made by the General Conference that they should report to it on the action they have taken to give effect to the 1974 Recommendation;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to support Member States in their efforts to compile reports on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to transmit to it, at its 39th session, the next summary of reports received from Member States on measures taken to implement the 1974 Recommendation.