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SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED BY MEMBER STATES ON THE MEASURES TAKEN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1960 CONVENTION AND RECOMMENDATION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION

1. The Legal Committee considered the summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken for the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education.
2. The Committee took note of the summary and the accompanying comments made on the subject by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) at the 191st session of the Executive Board. It also took note of additional information provided by the representative of the Director-General on the implementation of these two standard-setting instruments.
3. After expressing a desire to hold a debate on the item, the members of the Committee decried the fact that the detailed summary of the reports available on the web page for the eighth consultation had not been printed and transmitted to the General Conference, and stressed the need for a future discussion on the form and content of the present summary prepared by the Secretariat in order to enhance its relevance. In that connection, the members of the Committee suggested that the ninth consultation should consider the outcome of the forthcoming work of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the Executive Board in examining its working methods, including those related to monitoring the implementation of the standard-setting instruments that it was required to monitor.
4. The Committee made a number of amendments to the text of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 6 of document 37 C/26, which should therefore read as follows:

The General Conference,

1. Recalling 34 C/Resolution 13, 177 EX/Decision 35 (I and II), 184 EX/Decision 20 and 186 EX/Decision 19 (II),
2. 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,
3. Reaffirming the importance of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation and of their implementation by Member States in order to make the full exercise of the right to education a reality for all,
4. Having examined document 37 C/26 containing the report on the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education,
5. Endorses 192 EX/Decision 20 (II), in particular its request to the Director-General to make the national reports available online through the newly established global database on the right to education;
6. Notes with appreciation that 58 Member States, 44 of which were States Parties to the 1960 Convention, submitted their reports under the eighth consultation, and welcomes the efforts of Member States to ensure equality of educational opportunity for all;
7. Encourages all Member States to submit their national reports;
8. Expresses its satisfaction that between 2005 and 2013, 11 Member States ratified the 1960 Convention between 2005 and 2013, thereby increasing the number of ratifications from 89 to 100;
9. Encourages all Member States to strengthen their efforts to ensure the full and comprehensive implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation and urges Member States that have not become party to the Convention to consider doing so and to make the 1960 Convention and Recommendation, as well as the 1962 Protocol instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission, better known to the bodies, target groups and other entities interested in matters dealt with therein;
10. Encourages the Director-General, in close collaboration with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education, to support Member States in their efforts to make the right to education a reality;
11. Requests the Director-General to intensify her efforts to foster inclusion in education and encourage Member States to adopt domestic measures to secure education for all without discrimination or exclusion;
12. Further requests the Director-General to take appropriate follow-up action to the eighth consultation and to initiate the ninth consultation of Member States;
13. Invites the Director-General to transmit to it, at its 39th session, the next summary of the reports received from Member States on measures taken for the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation, and decides to include an item on this matter in the agenda of its 39th session.