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FOURTH REPORT

CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION BY MEMBER STATES OF THE 2003 RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE PROMOTION AND USE OF MULTILINGUALISM AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO CYBERSPACE

(document 36 C/26)

1. The Legal Committee examined the consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace.
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 186th session of the Executive Board. It also took note of the additional information provided by the Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information.
3. After recalling the importance of the promotion of multilingualism, the Committee stressed that, pursuant to 34 C/Resolution 87, monitoring the 2003 Recommendation was a matter of priority.
4. With regard to reports received after the deadline, the Committee considered that the Secretariat should demonstrate flexibility and make reference to the reports in the working document, especially since several months had passed between the examination of the consolidated report by the Executive Board and its transmission to the General Conference.
5. The Committee adopted a formal amendment to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 10 of 36 C/26, which should read as follows:

The General Conference,

Recalling 33 C/Resolution 54 and 34 C/Resolution 49 as well as 186 EX/Decision 19 (IV),

Also recalling 177 EX/Decision 35 (I) and 34 C/Resolution 87 on the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided,

Having examined document 36 C/26,

1. Notes that only 24 Member States submitted reports for the second consultation and that three other Member States submitted their reports shortly thereafter;
2. Recalls that the submission by Member States of periodic reports on the implementation of recommendations adopted by the General Conference is an obligation under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution 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;
3. Further recalls that the periodic consultation of Member States on the implementation of the Recommendation is intended to enable the Organization to assess both the extent to which Member States are implementing that instrument and the obstacles that they encounter in this regard;
4. Reaffirms the importance of the Recommendation and its implementation by Member States;
5. Invites those Member States which have not taken measures to implement the Recommendation to do so and to contribute to the reporting process established by the General Conference;
6. Invites the Director-General to transmit to it at its 38th session the third consolidated report on the implementation of this Recommendation and decides to include this item on the agenda of its 38th session.