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## ESTABLISHMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AGENCY OF AN INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME FOR SCIENTISTS

### Memorandum by Greece

1. Many of the scientists working in the nuclear research centers of Governments are not covered by the insurance schemes for permanent civil servants. Moreover, the character of their work sometimes leaves such scientists unemployed for considerable periods of time. It is, therefore, desirable that provision be made for their protection under an appropriate scheme of social insurance.
2. The lack of such a scheme is an obstacle to the free exchange of scientists concerned with the peaceful application of nuclear energy, since an extended absence from his home country may result in a scientist being deprived of benefits pursuant to the "break in service" provisions that are likely to be contained in the national insurance scheme in which he participates. The less-developed countries are thus deprived of the services of many foreign scientists who would otherwise be willing to spend some time there.
3. It is accordingly thought that an international insurance scheme could provide appropriate coverage for all scientists concerned with peaceful applications of nuclear energy, irrespective of a change of employer. The scheme would be supported by the contributions of participating scientists and would be beneficial to all Member States.
4. The text of a draft resolution on the subject is annexed hereto for consideration by the General Conference.



A N N E X

Draft resolution

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INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME FOR SCIENTISTS

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling that the Agency is authorized under its Statute to

"encourage and assist research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world; and, if requested to do so, to act as an intermediary for the purposes of securing the performance of services or the supplying of materials [and] equipment. . . .",

as well as to

"encourage the exchange and training of scientists and experts in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy", [ 1 ] and

(b) Considering that the execution of these functions would be facilitated by the establishment under the auspices of the Agency of an international scheme to provide scientists working on the peaceful applications of nuclear energy anywhere in the world with uniform social insurance coverage,

Requests the Director General to examine, if necessary in collaboration with appropriate organizations, the possibility of arranging for the establishment within or outside the Agency of an international scheme to provide scientists working on the peaceful applications of nuclear energy with social insurance coverage, and to submit a report on the matter to the General Conference at its sixth regular session.

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[ 1 ] Article III, A, 1 and 4.

