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

Report of the Administrative and Legal Committee

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1. At its twenty-fifth meeting on 2 October 1961, the Committee considered item 25 of the agenda concerning the establishment of an international insurance scheme for scientists. The Committee had before it a memorandum and draft resolution on the subject submitted by the Government of Greece (GC(V)/162).
2. In the course of the debate some delegates expressed the view that although they had no objection in principle to the proposal under consideration, the draft resolution contained in document GC(V)/162 appeared to determine in advance the nature of the insurance scheme which might be set up. In their opinion, it was desirable to make it clear that the Director General was being requested to make a study of the whole problem before reporting on the matter to the Board of Governors prior to the sixth regular session of the General Conference so as to enable appropriate action to be taken.
3. After the Chairman had suspended the meeting for a short period to permit consultations between delegates holding different points of view, agreement was reached on the modified text of the resolution set forth below, which the Committee unanimously decided to recommend to the General Conference for adoption.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN 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 of a scheme to provide scientists working on the peaceful applications of nuclear energy anywhere in the world with social insurance coverage,

Requests the Director General to examine social insurance of scientists engaged in the peaceful uses of atomic energy, if necessary in collaboration with the appropriate organizations, and taking into account the national legislation, practices and international instruments in the field, and bearing in mind the feasibility and desirability of arranging for such scientists the establishment within or outside the Agency of an international scheme or other measures, and to submit a report thereon to the Board of Governors before the sixth regular session of the General Conference for appropriate action.

^{1/} Article III.A.1 and 4.