



FOR DECISION

THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Follow-up to resolutions adopted
by the 95th Session (2006) of the
International Labour Conference
and other matters arising**

Resolution concerning asbestos

1. At its 95th Session (June 2006), the International Labour Conference adopted the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187), and Recommendation, 2006 (No. 197), as well as a resolution concerning asbestos. The text of that resolution is appended.
2. The resolution requests the Governing Body to direct the International Labour Office to transmit the text of this resolution to all member States and to take various forms of promotional action on issues relating to asbestos.
3. *The Governing Body may wish to request the Director-General to circulate the text of the resolution in the usual way to the governments of member States, and through them to the national employers' and workers' organizations, and to take appropriate action to give effect to the resolution on asbestos.*

Geneva, 20 October 2006.

Point for decision: Paragraph 3.

Appendix

Resolution adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 95th Session

(Geneva, June 2006)

Resolution concerning asbestos¹

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Considering that all forms of asbestos, including chrysotile, are classified as known human carcinogens by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a classification restated by the International Programme on Chemical Safety (a joint Programme of the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme),

Alarmed that an estimated 100,000 workers die every year from diseases caused by exposure to asbestos,

Deeply concerned that workers continue to face serious risks from asbestos exposure, particularly in asbestos removal, demolition, building maintenance, ship breaking and waste handling activities,

Noting that it has taken three decades of efforts and the emergence of suitable alternatives for a comprehensive ban on the manufacturing and use of asbestos and asbestos containing products to be adopted in a number of countries,

Further noting that the objective of the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention 2006 is to prevent occupational injuries, diseases and deaths,

1. Resolves that:

(a) the elimination of the future use of asbestos and the identification and proper management of asbestos currently in place are the most effective means to protect workers from asbestos exposure and to prevent future asbestos related diseases and deaths; and

(b) the Asbestos Convention, 1986 (No. 162), should not be used to provide a justification for, or endorsement of, the continued use of asbestos.

2. Requests the Governing Body to direct the International Labour Office to:

(a) continue to encourage member States to ratify and give effect to the provisions of the Asbestos Convention, 1986 (No. 162), and the Occupational Cancer Convention, 1974 (No. 139);

(b) promote the elimination of future use of all forms of asbestos and asbestos containing materials in all member States;

(c) promote the identification and proper management of all forms of asbestos currently in place;

(d) encourage and assist member States to include measures in their national programmes on occupational safety and health to protect workers from exposure to asbestos; and

(e) transmit this resolution to all member States.

¹ Adopted on 14 June 2006.