

IndustriALL Executive Committee

Resolution on Asbestos

4-5 December 2014, Tunis, Tunisia

Noting that:

The declaration from the International Conference on Asbestos in Vienna, in May 2014, among other things, called upon the governments and social partners of all countries to:

- Take immediate steps to ban all mining, manufacture, recycling and use of all forms of asbestos and asbestos-containing materials as soon as possible;
- Prohibit by law the trans-shipment of asbestos, asbestos containing materials and wastes;
- Put in place an information, communication and training plan targeted in particular at younger and migrant construction workers, about the handling of asbestos;
- Increase pressure on the countries mining and exporting asbestos to implement Just Transition programmes to provide a sustainable future for workers and communities dependent on it namely Russia, Kazakhstan, Zimbabwe, China and Brazil.

The IndustriALL Executive Committee believes that:

 We are now in a position to improve and strengthen our work with the BWI, the ITUC, Asbestos Support groups and civil society groups towards the banning of asbestos.

The IndustriALL Executive Committee resolves:

 To work to assist the campaign for the listing of chrysotile asbestos at the Rotterdam Convention in May 2015 and opposition to the asbestos industry.