

Canadian Labour Congress Policy on Asbestos

The Executive Council of the Canadian Labour Congress adopted a policy statement calling on the government of Canada:

- ▭ to develop a fair and just transition program in consultation with the Quebec Federation of Labour and the United Steelworkers for the workers in the asbestos industry and communities which may be affected; and
- ▭ to adopt a comprehensive policy to phase out the production of asbestos in Canada.

Here is the text of the motion:

The Canadian Labour Congress calls on the federal government to:

1. Adopt a comprehensive asbestos strategy, phasing out both the use and export of asbestos as communities are transitioned;
2. Ensure there is a fair and just transition plan developed in consultation with the United Steel Workers and the Québec Federation of Labour for communities affected by changes;
3. Ensure that workers and communities affected have resources to ensure ongoing financial stability;
4. Work with individual Canadians, labour unions, producers, manufactures, and other levels of government to ensure that solutions meet local needs.