



COORDINAMENTO NAZIONALE
ASSOCIAZIONI AMIANTO

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Dear Presidents, Commissioners and Directors-General

On the annual occasion of April 28th, the World Day of Asbestos Victims, we would like to bring to your attention the following points: according to the WHO, 107,000 people die each year from asbestos-related causes. Half of them come from Europe (56% of deaths from mesothelioma and 41% from asbestosis).

On the other hand, more than 130 million people in the world are exposed to asbestos, and producer countries are Russia, China and Brazil, while India is also among the consumers. A major producer like Canada (and this is very good news) has recently banned asbestos, but unfortunately the US have not yet adopted similar legislation.

We therefore hope that every possible effort is undertaken by States and International Organisations to declare a ban, or at least a moratorium, on the production of asbestos, especially in this time of pandemic from Covid-19.

We also believe it is essential that the institutions responsible for this matter, can help support the harmonisation of preventive and removal measures, especially for friable asbestos, which constitutes the greatest danger.

Finally, the economic side of the asbestos problem should not be underestimated: it has been calculated that the annual cost of asbestos-related deaths has been quantified to 1.5 billion euros, not to mention the costs that have to be incurred by the national health systems.

Therefore, as the National Coordination of Italian Asbestos Exposed Associations, we ask that You take into due consideration the facts we have presented and begin to study effective and rapid solutions.

Awaiting a positive reply, we avail ourselves of this opportunity to send our best regards.

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The Commissioner for Environment, Oceans & Fisheries
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