CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH ON WORK AND HEALTH ASBESTOS RESOLUTION May 31, 2005

Whereas, asbestos is a recognized occupational carcinogen which is projected to adversely effect the health of workers and their communities throughout the globe;

And whereas, Canada has been historically a major producer and exporter of asbestos;

And whereas, the Canadian federal government continues to support the asbestos mining industry and block measures to stop the use of asbestos and its export to developing countries;

And whereas, Canada can not guarantee the protection of workers and communities in countries to which it exports asbestos;

Be It Resolved that, the Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health (CARWH) calls upon the federal government to cease its support for the asbestos industry and ban the mining, production and use, as well as, the export of asbestos;

Further Be It Resolved that, CARWH call upon the federal and provincial Quebec government to provide the necessary financial and logistic support for an economically just transition and environmental remediation for the asbestos mining communities.

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