

# *The Declaration on Thai Society Free From Asbestos*

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*Human beings have the right to work and to live in a healthy environment. The tragic repercussions of the widespread epidemic of asbestos-related diseases must be prevented as a fundamental human right <sup>1</sup>*

Our organizations and network realize that asbestos is dangerous and can cause serious disease such as Mesothelioma, Lung Cancer and others that are hard to be prevented without eliminating the asbestos exposure, therefore we would like to have strong support on

- (1) *The Bangkok Declaration on Elimination of Asbestos and Asbestos-related Diseases 2006*
- (2) *Third National Health Assembly: Measures to make Thai society free from asbestos 2010*
- (3) The approval of Thai government cabinet on *Measures to make Thai society free from asbestos 2011* which aimed at prohibition of Thai manufacturers from importing asbestos and manufacturing asbestos containing products that can be substituted

We agree to establish THAILAND BAN ASBESTOS NETWORK (T-BAN) and

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<sup>1</sup> The Bangkok Declaration on Elimination of Asbestos and Asbestos-related Diseases 2006

- (1) Request the Thai Government to prohibit the asbestos importation within 3 months
- (2) Improve public awareness on the dangerous of asbestos and inform consumer not to use, not to buy, and have safety protection on repairing and demolishing the buildings
- (3) Request the Thai Government to have mechanism to redress and funding for asbestos victims compensation

*Health Consumer Protection Program, HCP*  
*Foundation for Consumer, FFC*  
*Federation of Consumer Organizations*  
*Federation of Occupational Health, Safety, and*  
*Environment at Work*  
*Council of Work and Environment Related Patent's*  
*Network, WEPT*  
*Thai Labour Solidarity Committee, TLSC*



