



**“ROMA MANIFEST”:  
ASBESTOS IS A CRIME AGAINST THE UMANITY**

Asbestos is a crime against humanity committed by those who – in name of profit – have produced, extracted, traded and sold the mineral, producing hundreds of thousands of diseased and dead and a huge environmental damage: there are no justification for who is guilty of this crime.

There is no excuse for those who say that were not aware of, or claim false merits of having occupied thousands of workers, or put on the market manufactured (with asbestos) at a low price.

No longer acceptable that, even today, in many countries across the continent has put at risk the lives of millions of people, even if it is aware of its dangers.

With the appeal of Milan in 1993 and the congress of San Paulo in Brazil of 1994, was born the “Ban Asbestos” Network, that became aware of acting all together, from the bottom, towards each worldwide responsible Institution for putting the notice asbestos in all its forms in accordance with the principles that follow, starting from international transport.

It is FALSE to say that there are forms of asbestos "not harmful"! It is scientifically unfounded the claim that chrysotile asbestos is slightly damaged and that can be used in a controlled way.

It is a fact that we can not establish a minimum threshold below which the health of those exposed is guaranteed, it is equally clear that there is a dose-response relationship: to increased exposure corresponds to a higher risk of illness and less time latency.

For all those who have been exposed should be used all the most advanced means to safeguard their health; necessary, with their consent and participation, submit the subjects ex-exposed or exposed, to surveillance free, according to international guidelines validated, it should fund research, free from conflicts of interest, aimed at achieving effective treatment for the most serious asbestos related diseases. These should be verified and controlled by established scientific organizations. It is essential to have the participation of Associations of ex-exposed, the victims or their families.

For those who have suffered damage (ex exposed deceased or his relatives) and for who were exposed to asbestos risk must be guaranteed proper recognition and compensation.

The dissemination of asbestos in the environment and in the territories requires remediation and waste disposal in safety: asbestos must be eliminated from the social context with generalized reclamation plans.

European and International Institutions must take charge with appropriate legislation and should charge the costs to the responsible.

Justice, that has the duty to determine the responsibility, must have the specific and competent division; the prescription limits must be eliminated for the environmental crimes and for intentional or negligent homicide related to asbestos and in the workspace.

It must operate for the creation of an international criminal court for labor and environmental crimes.

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(approved by French, Italian, Spanish and Swiss Associations present at the meeting at the Hall of Mercy - the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament – Also approved the document proposed by Francisco Baez Baquet for the international ban of chrysotile asbestos ).