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Greetings on behalf on DANMU

Dear Sir,

BAN ASBESTOS

We the affiliate of Building and Wood Workers International ([www.bwint.org](http://www.bwint.org)) DANMU/ MAMU and NMPS jointly appeal to the Government of Brazil to review its policy in promoting the usage of asbestos, especially in the developing countries. The ILO has estimates more than 100,000 deaths due to Asbestos every year. There is no safe and acceptable level of exposure. This is the preventable industrial health calamity of the modern era.

Brazil is one of the largest exporters of asbestos and we - the trade unions are concerned about your government's apathy for the occupational and public health of citizens and workers in India. Further the massive advertising campaigns in developing countries to make people believe that asbestos is safe, while the facts state the contrary is unethical.

Whilst forty industrialized countries have banned asbestos, and are using alternative materials, we urge the Brazil Government to also follow suit.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

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