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## National Day of Mourning Statement April 28, 2016

On this Day of Mourning, let's make all Canadians safer  
Let's win a comprehensive ban on asbestos

Dear sisters and brothers,

On April 28 we remember those who have been killed, injured, disabled on the job or who suffer from occupational diseases and renew our prevention efforts.

We have created a Unifor Day of Mourning flag to reaffirm our solidarity and commitment to workplace health and safety and state to all that we Mourn the dead and Fight for the living. And as we reflect on the importance of the day, we pause to keep in our thoughts our Sisters and Brothers who have lost their lives at work.

This year, more than ever please fly our Unifor Flags high at April 28 events as we join the Canadian Labour Congress in calling for a **National Ban on Asbestos**.


Over 150,000 workers in Canada are currently exposed to asbestos, according to Carex Canada, a research project funded by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. The five largest groups are specialty-trade contractors, building construction, auto repairs and maintenance, ship and boat building and remediation and waste management.

We need the Federal government to take the first steps by warning the public of the danger of asbestos and by banning its use and export.

Please join us to finally get the Federal Government to formally ban asbestos. Call on your Member of Parliament and Prime Minister Trudeau to **BAN ASBESTOS**.

We encourage you to organize Day of Mourning events in your workplaces and/or participate in events in your community. We must strengthen everyone's resolve not only to establish safe conditions in the workplace for all, but to finally change the culture and improve working conditions from coast to coast to coast.

In solidarity,



Jerry Dias  
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