



SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Report of the Meeting of Experts on
Safety in the Use of Insulation Wools
(Geneva, 17-26 January 2000)**

1. The Meeting of Experts on Safety in the Use of Insulation Wools was held in Geneva from 17-26 January 2000, chaired by Dr. Chaiyuth Chavalitnitikul (Government of Thailand).
2. The agenda of the Meeting, as approved by the Governing Body at its 270th Session (November 1997),¹ was as follows: “Examination and adoption of the Code of practice on safety in the use of synthetic vitreous fibre insulation wools (glasswool, rockwool, slagwool)”.
3. The Meeting examined a draft Code of practice prepared by the Office on safety in the use of synthetic vitreous fibre insulation wools (glasswool, rockwool, slagwool) and adopted unanimously the Code of practice on safety in the use of synthetic vitreous fibre insulation wools (glass wool, rock wool, slag wool)² and a report,³ which are appended.
4. The Meeting recommended that the Code of practice should be published. It urged the ILO to develop other codes of practice on other fibres not covered by existing ILO instruments, in particular cellulose, silicon carbide and refractory ceramic fibres. The Workers’ experts recommended that the ILO organize follow-up activities, including regional meetings and conferences, to assess the effectiveness of the Code. The Employers’ experts hoped that the Code would be reviewed in the future in the light of developments in science and technology. The experts agreed that the Office should check the data on exposure limits (Appendix B) with the relevant authorities before publication of the Code.
5. *The Governing Body is invited to take note of the report of the Meeting of Experts on Safety in the Use of Insulation Wools, and to authorize the Director-General to publish and distribute the report of the Meeting and the Code of*

¹ GB.270/17, para. 23.

² MESIW/2000/10.

³ MESIW/2000/9.

practice on safety in the use of synthetic vitreous fibre insulation wools (glass wool, rock wool, slag wool):

- (a) to governments, employers' and workers' organizations;*
- (b) to the international employers' and workers' organizations concerned;*
- (c) to international organizations;*
- (d) to others as appropriate.*

6. *The Governing Body may wish to request the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for the future programme and budget, the recommendations made by the Meeting in paragraphs 41 to 43 of its report.*

Geneva, 23 February 2000.

Points for decision: Paragraph 5;
Paragraph 6.

Appendix I

Appendix II