



**BEYOND DEATH AND INJURIES:
THE ILO'S GLOBAL STRATEGY AND
PROMOTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH**

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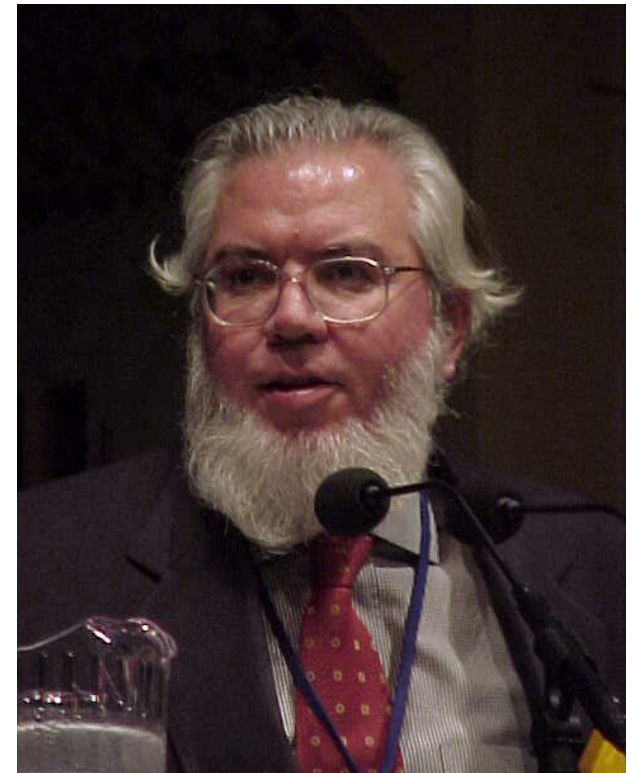




Decent work is safe work !!!

BUT:

- **337 million accidents causing absence of 4 or more days**
- **358,000 work-related fatal accidents**
- **1.95 million work-related fatal diseases**
- **2.31 million total fatalities**



**Yet most work-related accidents
and diseases are preventable !**



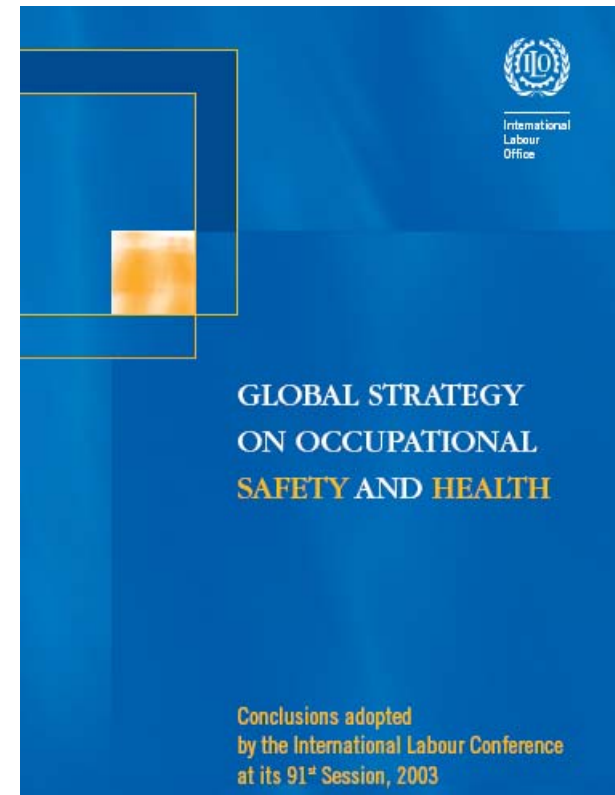


The ILO response: Global OSH Strategy and Promotional Framework Convention, C.187



The ILO response – the Global Strategy

- **Objective:**
 - strengthen constituents' capacity to reinforce their OSH policies and to implement principles and rights embodied in ILO Standards to promote better safety and health at work.
- **Premise:**
 - OSH to be given a high priority in national agendas
 - Need to build a preventive OSH culture
 - Tripartite commitment essential



Convention 187: A Promotional Framework for OSH

- Promotional rather than prescriptive
- Preventive approach
- Systems approach to managing OSH:
 - National OSH policy
 - National OSH system
 - National OSH programme
 - National OSH profile
- Recommendation (No. 197)





National OSH programme

- Medium term strategic programme
- Targets and indicators of progress
- Promotes national preventive OSH culture
- Continuous improvements of OSH performance
- Endorsed by highest national authority
- Resources allocated





National OSH profiles

- Summary of the OSH situation (accidents and diseases)
- Summary of the OSH system status
- Tool for developing national OSH programme
- Benchmark for progress review of the national system and performance



Global progress since 2006:

- Ratification of C. 187:
 - Japan (2007), Korea, UK, Finland (2008)
- Ratification in process:
 - Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Moldova, Mongolia, Philippines, Serbia, Singapore, Sweden
- EU OSH Strategy 2007-12 calls for ratification of C. 187
- ASEAN Plus 3 Labour Ministers' Meeting confirmed usefulness of the ILO Promotional Framework on OSH



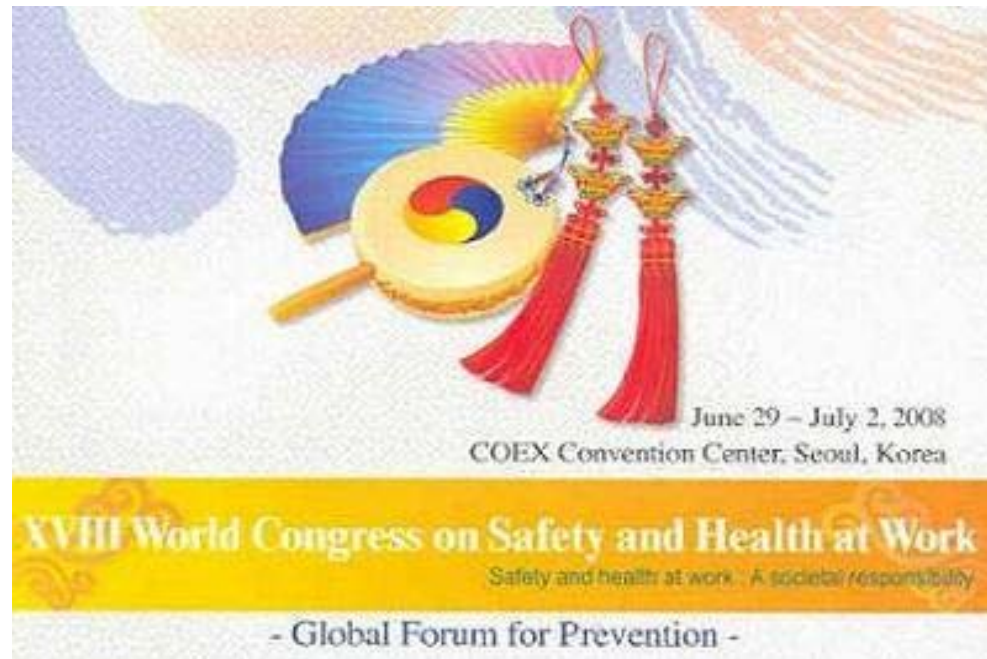


Strengthening promotion through:

- **ILO "Standards strategy"** concerning priority Conventions and recently adopted Conventions
- **Technical assistance:**
 - Over 30 countries have developed OSH profiles
- **Awareness raising and advocacy:**
 - Regional meetings and workshops
 - World Day for Safety and Health at Work



Strengthening promotion (continued)



- **XIIIth World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, Seoul, Korea, June 29 – July 2, 2008**
- **Report – Beyond deaths and injuries: The ILO’s role in promoting safe and healthy jobs**



World Summit on Safety and Health at Work

- **Seoul Declaration on Safety and Health at Work – a major new blueprint for constructing a global culture of safety and health at work**
- **Signed by some 50 high-level decision makers from around the world**
- **Encourages ratification of C. 187**
- **Stimulates political commitment**
- **Recognises that improving safety and health has a positive impact on working conditions, productivity and economic and social development**





ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalisation

- Adopted during 97th International Labour Conference, 2008
- Tool for ILO to pursue the promotion of a fair globalisation based on Decent Work.
- Emphasises the mutually supportive nature of the ILO four strategic objectives – employment, social protection, social dialogue and tripartism, and fundamental rights at work
- Towards an understanding of how the strategic objectives interact with each other and contribute to social progress and sustainable development in the global economy





OSH management & good governance

- Requires competent and well-resourced labour inspection systems with focus on prevention
- ILO strategy for development of inspection systems:
 - Training to improve effectiveness and efficiency
 - Addressing challenges of unethical behaviour and violence to inspectors
 - Tripartite audits with aim of developing national action plans for labour inspection





Conclusions

- ILO will continue to devote significant resources to promoting OSH
- Its tripartite structure is a strong basis for fostering social dialogue to implement new OSH programmes
- Priority to place OSH high on national agendas
- Opportunity for countries to evaluate their national situation and the progress they are making

**The goal is reduced accidents and diseases.
Promotion of C.187 will help greatly!**

