

# SECOND MEETING OF THE SRM TRIPARTITE WORKING GROUP

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## UNFINISHED FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSTRUMENTS IDENTIFIED AS OUTDATED BY THE CARTIER WORKING PARTY

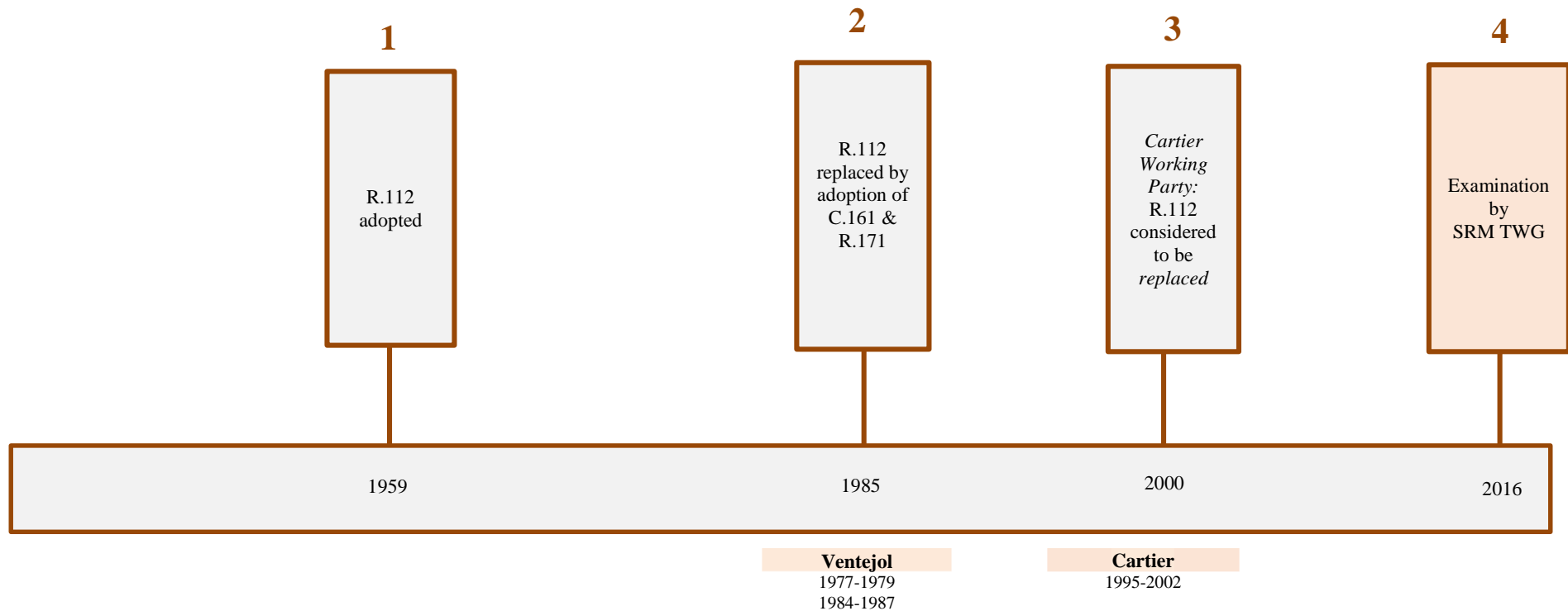
### Technical Note 2.3: Outdated instrument concerning occupational safety and health (general provisions)

- The sub-topic of *occupational safety and health (general provisions)* includes one outdated instrument: the ***Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1959 (No. 112)***.
- *Recommendation No. 112* was noted as **replaced** by the Cartier Working Party. Since then, there have been no relevant considerations.
- *Possible action to be considered*: withdrawal.

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## Recommendation No. 112:

Events leading up to the recommendation of the Cartier Working Party and subsequent developments



## Regulatory approach to occupational health services

The protection of workers against sickness, disease and injury is a constitutional objective of the ILO pursuant to the Preamble to the ILO Constitution. Since its establishment in 1919, the Organization has endeavoured to contribute to the physical and mental well-being of workers.

The **Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1959 (No. 112)**, describes the objectives, functions, organization and means of action of occupational health services. By 1985, “[a]dvances in national occupational safety and health policies, the growing importance of workers' participation, and the development of universal public health strategies in many countries amply justified such re-examination at the international level in order to better protect the health of workers”.<sup>1</sup> In addition, more flexible models for the organization of occupational health services could take account of different socio-economic structures and levels of development.

Accordingly, new more modern and flexible instruments were adopted by the Conference in 1985 revising and replacing the earlier Recommendation No. 112.

### Recommendation No. 112 at a glance

#### 1. 1959: ILC adopted Recommendation No. 112

Recommendation No. 112 recommends the organization of occupational health services in the various branches of economic activity so that all workers benefit. It was the first international instrument to define in detail the “objectives, functions, organisation and means of action of the occupational health services as one of the fundamental aspects of contemporary social medicine”.<sup>2</sup>

See: [Recommendation No. 112](#)

#### 2. 1985: ILC adopted Recommendation No. 171, juridically replacing Recommendation No. 112

The Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1985 (No. 171), which supplements the Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161), juridically replaces Recommendation No. 112. The new instruments, which have been described as covering “fairly” the content of Recommendation No. 112, are designed to be flexible without losing their guiding principles.<sup>3</sup>

See: [Convention No. 161](#) and [Recommendation No. 171](#)

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<sup>1</sup> ILO: *Occupational Health Services*, Report IV(1), ILC, 71st Session, 1985, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> ILO: *Occupational Health Services*, Report V(1), ILC, 70th Session, 1984, p.47.

<sup>3</sup> ILO: *Record of Proceedings*, ILC, 71st Session, Geneva, 1985, p.35/6.

### 3. 2000: Governing Body considered Recommendation No. 112 to have been replaced

The Cartier Working Party considered Recommendation No. 112 in March 2000.

Following the recommendation of the Cartier Working Party, the Governing Body noted the replacement (in the juridical sense) of Recommendation No. 112 by Recommendation No. 171.

See: [GB.277/LILS/WP/PRS/4](#), p. 4 (*Office background paper, March 2000*); [GB.277/LILS/4](#), para. 67 (*report of the Cartier Working Party, March 2000*); [GB.277/11/2](#), para. 8(b) (*discussion of the LILS Committee*)

## SRM TWG examination of Recommendation No. 112

### 1. Developments since the Cartier Working Party recommendation to consider the Recommendation to have been replaced

Since the Governing Body's decision to consider this instrument to have been replaced, there have been no significant developments.

### 2. Key considerations

In examining the steps to be taken in relation to Recommendation No. 112, the key consideration is its juridical replacement by Recommendation No. 171.

### 3. Possible action to be considered in relation to Recommendation No. 112

The SRM TWG may wish to consider:

Withdrawal by the Conference of Recommendation No. 112.