**Principle 1**
Everyone must be protected from exposure to toxic substances at work.

**Principle 2**
States have a duty to protect the human rights of workers through the prevention of exposure to toxic substances.

**Principle 3**
Business enterprises have a responsibility to prevent occupational exposures to toxic substances.
**Principle 4**
Hazard elimination is paramount in preventing occupational exposures.

**Principle 5**
Duties and responsibilities to prevent the exposure of workers to toxic substances extend beyond borders.
Principle 6
States must prevent third parties from distorting scientific evidence or manipulating processes to perpetuate exposure.

Principle 7
Protecting workers from exposure to toxic substances protects their families, their communities and the environment.
**Principle 8**
Every worker has the right to know, including to know their rights.

**Principle 9**
Health and safety information about toxic substances must never be confidential.
Principle 10
The right to safe and healthy work is inseparable from freedom of association, the right to organize and the right to collective bargaining.

Principle 11
Workers, representatives of workers, whistle-blowers and rights defenders must all be protected from intimidation, threats and other forms of reprisals.
**Principle 12**
Workers, their families and their communities must have immediate access to an appropriate and effective remedy, which should be available from the time of exposure.

**Principle 13**
Workers or their families should not bear the burden of proving the cause of their illness or disability to access an effective remedy.
**Principle 14**
Depriving workers of their right to safe and healthy work should be a crime.

**Principle 15**
States should ensure accountability for cross-border cases of workers harmed by occupational exposure.
"IF IMPLEMENTED, THE PRINCIPLES WILL HELP STRENGTHEN THE COHERENCE BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPOSURE OF WORKERS TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES."

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