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The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Having been convened at Geneva by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Forty-eighth Session on 17 June 1964, and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to hygiene in commerce and offices, which is the fourth item on the agenda of the session, and

Having determined that certain of these proposals shall take the form of an international Convention,

adopts this eighth day of July of the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four the following Convention, which may be cited as the Hygiene (Commerce and Offices) Convention, 1964.

PART I

OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES

Article 1

This Convention applies to—

- (a) trading establishments;
- (b) establishments, institutions and administrative services in which the workers are mainly engaged in office work;

¹ In accordance with article 21, the Convention came into force on 29 March 1966, twelve months after the date on which the ratifications of the following two Members of the International Labour Organisation had been registered with the Director-General of the International Labour Office on the dates indicated:

Jordan	11 March	1965
Bulgaria	29 March	1965

The Convention will come into force for the following Members of the Organisation, whose ratifications were registered on the dates specified below, twelve months after the date of their registration:

Syrian Arab Republic	10 June	1965
Sweden	11 June	1965
Costa Rica	27 January	1966
Switzerland	18 February	1966

- (c) in so far as they are not subject to national laws or regulations or other arrangements concerning hygiene in industry, mines, transport or agriculture, any departments of other establishments, institutions or administrative services in which departments the workers are mainly engaged in commerce or office work.

Article 2

The competent authority may, after consultation with the organisations of employers and workers directly concerned, where such exist, exclude from the application of all or any of the provisions of this Convention specified classes of the establishments, institutions or administrative services, or departments thereof, referred to in Article 1, where the circumstances and conditions of employment are such that the application to them of all or any of the said provisions would be inappropriate.

Article 3

In any case in which it is doubtful whether an establishment, institution or administrative service is one to which this Convention applies, the question shall be settled either by the competent authority after consultation with the representative organisations of employers and workers concerned, where such exist, or in any other manner which is consistent with national law and practice.

Article 4

Each Member which ratifies this Convention undertakes that it will—

- (a) maintain in force laws or regulations which ensure the application of the General Principles set forth in Part II; and
- (b) ensure that such effect as may be possible and desirable under national conditions is given to the provisions of the Hygiene (Commerce and Offices) Recommendation, 1964, or to equivalent provisions.

Article 5

The laws or regulations giving effect to the provisions of this Convention and any laws or regulations giving such effect as may be possible and desirable under national conditions to the provisions of the Hygiene (Commerce and Offices) Recommendation, 1964, or to equivalent provisions, shall be framed after consultation with the representative organisations of employers and workers concerned, where such exist.