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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-ninth Session on 2 June 1965, and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to medical examination of young persons for fitness for employment underground in mines, which is included in the fourth item on the agenda of the session, and

Noting that the Medical Examination of Young Persons (Industry) Convention, 1946, which is applicable to mines, provides that children and young persons under 18 years of age shall not be admitted to employment by an industrial undertaking unless they have been found fit for the work on which they are to be employed by a thorough medical examination, that the continued employment of a child or young person under 18 years of age shall be subject to the repetition of a medical examination at intervals of not more than one year, and that national laws or regulations shall make provision concerning additional re-examinations, and

Noting that the Convention further provides that in occupations which involve high health risks medical examination and re-examinations for fitness for

¹ In accordance with article 7, the Convention came into force on 13 December 1967, 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 Organisation on the dates indicated:

Jordan	6 June 1966
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13 December 1966

Thereafter, ratifications of the following Members have been registered with the Director-General of the International Labour Organisation on the dates indicated below, to take effect twelve months after those dates:

Cyprus	18 January 1967	Uganda	23 June 1967
Zambia	10 March 1967	Paraguay	10 July 1967
China	19 April 1967	Madagascar	23 October 1967
Tunisia	3 May 1967		

Declarations by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made under Article 35, paragraph 4, of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation to the effect that the Convention is inapplicable to Guernsey, and to Jersey and Isle of Man, were registered by the Director-General of the International Labour Organisation on 2 May 1967 and 4 October 1967, respectively.

employment shall be required until at least the age of 21 years, and that national laws or regulations shall either specify or empower an appropriate authority to specify the occupations or categories of occupations to which this requirement applies, and

Considering that, in view of the health risks inherent in employment underground in mines, international standards requiring medical examination and periodic re-examination for fitness for employment underground in mines until the age of 21 years, and specifying the nature of these examinations, are desirable, and

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

adopts this twenty-third day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five the following Convention, which may be cited as the Medical Examination of Young Persons (Underground Work) Convention, 1965 :

Article 1

1. For the purpose of this Convention, the term "mine" means any undertaking, whether public or private, for the extraction of any substance from under the surface of the earth by means involving the employment of persons underground.

2. The provisions of this Convention concerning employment or work underground in mines include employment or work underground in quarries.

Article 2

1. A thorough medical examination, and periodic re-examinations at intervals of not more than one year, for fitness for employment shall be required for the employment or work underground in mines of persons under 21 years of age.

2. Alternative arrangements for medical supervision of young persons aged between 18 and 21 years shall be permitted where the competent authority is satisfied on medical advice that such arrangements are equivalent to or more effective than those required under paragraph 1 of this Article and has consulted and reached agreement with the most representative organisations of employers and workers concerned.

Article 3

1. The medical examinations provided for in Article 2 :

- (a) shall be carried out under the responsibility and supervision of a qualified physician approved by the competent authority; and
- (b) shall be certified in an appropriate manner.