**Whereas Schedule 16 of Bill 70 An Act to implement Budget measures and to enact and amend various statutes will, if passed, amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) to establish a new system of so-called accreditation of qualifying employers which will be used to exempt those employer’s workplaces from inspections by occupational health and safety inspectors of the Ontario Ministry of Labour,**

**And Whereas finding new and creative excuses to exempt workplaces from health and safety inspections  does not in any way contribute to making Ontario workplaces safer for workers, and should not therefore  have any place on the agenda of the Ministry of Labour (MOL) or the Chief Prevention Officer (CPO),**

**And whereas these significant, consequential and regressive changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) are opposed by occupational health and safety experts, trade unions and allied injured worker groups,**

**Therefore be it resolved that the delegates of the 2016 Trades Conference of CUPE Ontario, gathered in Niagara Falls on November 25, 2016 and representing workers from all sectors and all regions of Ontario unanimously call upon the government of Ontario, Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister of Labour Kevin Flynn to scrap Schedule 16 of Bill 70 before this legislation is called for third and final reading in the provincial legislature.**