



International organizations demand the cessation of violence against the peaceful resistance of the Maya Q'eqchi people to the “Fénix” mining project operating illegally in ancestral territory in Guatemala

International organizations in solidarity with Guatemala express the following:

Our support for the Maya Q'eqchi people who are victims of repression and a state of siege in El Estor, Izabal, Guatemala.

Our profound indignation at and condemnation of the States of Guatemala and Switzerland, and the Swiss mining company Solway and the Guatemalan Nickel Company (CGN), for the state of siege imposed, and for the acts of repression and violence committed against the Maya Q'eqchi communities of El Estor, Izabal.

Our disapproval of the acts committed with impunity by the National Civil Police, the Army and personnel of the CGN company, which do not respect the rights of the communities of El Estor to protest, and their right to be consulted, ignoring the resolution of the Constitutional Court in its Proceeding 697-2019 dated June 18, 2020, which prohibits mining in the territory of El Estor.

We, therefore, demand:

To the State of Guatemala:

- To suspend the state of siege and the repressive and violent actions against Maya Q'eqchi' communities
- To respect the resolution of the Constitutional Court, file 697-2019 - thus, ordering the immediate and complete suspension of the Solway / CGN mining operation.

To the State of Switzerland:

- To guarantee that the Solway company is subject to compliance with the legislation of its country and that of Guatemala.
- To publicly pronounce in favor of the rule of law in Guatemala, thus demanding respect for the order of immediate suspension of the Solway / CGN mining operation.

To the company Solway Investment Group

- To immediately comply with the order to completely suspend his mining operation.

We, the signatory organizations, urge other international organizations to speak out in favor of the respect of the human rights of the Maya Q'eqchi peoples of Estor, Izabal, and initiate the necessary steps to do so.

Signed:

Todos por Guatemala

Plataforma de Guatemaltecs Exilads en Canadá

Rights Action

Guatemala Community Network (GCN)

Organización Amancio Samuel Villatoro

La Liga Internacional de la Lucha de los Pueblos

Comité pour les droits humains en Amérique latine (CDHAL)

Latin American and Caribbean Solidarity Network (LACSN)

Red Europea de Apoyo al Caso del Diario Militar

Australian Solidarity with Latin America

Tzijolaj

Waterloo Region Mayan

CoDevelopment Canada - CoDesarrollo Canadá (CoDev)

Projet Accompagnement Québec-Guatemala (PAQG)

Miningwatch Canada

Older Women Live (OWL) collective Ckut 90.3 FM

Elders for Environmental Justice

United Steelworkers (USW)

Canadian Foreign Policy Institute

KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives

Amandla Ckut 90.3 FM

Centre international de solidarité ouvrière (CISO)

CERLAC: Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (York University)

BC CASA-Cafe Justicia Canada

Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA) | Réseau canadien sur la reddition de compte des entreprises (RCRCE)

To:

Swiss Embassy to Guatemala

Swiss Embassy to Canada

Swiss Embassy to the United States

Solway Investment Group

European Union of Human Rights in Guatemala

cc:

Ministry of the Interior in Izabal

Ministry of Energy and Mines

Director of Mining, Ministry of Energy and Mines

Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations in Geneva