

More than 100 organizations around the world say no to the industrial gold mega-mine in French Guiana!

On February 22nd, the Guianese collective « Or de Question », supported by 6 french NGOs, raised their voices against the industrial gold mega-mine in French Guiana [1]. Since then, **more than 120,000 people** have individually supported this petition [2]. The international civil society is heavily mobilized and we are now **105 organizations from 25 countries** (see list of signatories afterwards) demanding to the French government to immediately stop the "Montagne d'or" (gold mountain) project carried out by Canadian and Russian companies Columbus and Nordgold, as well as implementing a moratorium on any proposed industrial gold mega-mine in this region.

France, the organizer of COP 21 in 2015, has made commitments to take concrete action against global warming by promoting economic activities that respect the imperatives of sustainable development. France should therefore refuse the establishment on its territory of industrial gold mega-mines which threaten the environment and human health so dramatically, especially since a **binding mining code on these aspects** [3] is critically missing, and an institutional body dedicated to the monitoring and surveillance of these activities as well.

Our movement is formed by organizations working on various topics: environmental protection, human rights, respect for indigenous populations, engineering, agriculture and food sovereignty... All are acknowledged for their work both in France and internationally, especially in Latin America, in neighboring countries of French Guiana, where several gold mega-mines are at the heart of serious human and social conflicts [5]. Among those countries, Uruguay is demanding a moratorium on metallic mega-mining and El Salvador has just passed a ban for any new mining project on its territory.

Developing countries do have the courage to stand up against multinational mining companies, in spite of their fragile economies, to guarantee access to unpolluted water and soils for its population. What credibility would our country have in giving them ecology lessons while opening a gigantic gold mine in the heart of the Amazon, the lung of the planet?

We call on the candidates of the 2017 presidential and legislative elections in France to publicly support our request and to commit themselves to stop the "Montagne d'or" (gold mountain) and implement the requested moratorium as soon as they take office, if elected.

The citizen and activist movement, represented by our 105 organizations, will be vigilant on the effective application of its demands and the respect of the commitments taken by France.

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Amazon Watch, United States
Asociación ambiental Petón do Lobo, Spain
Asociación Española para el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos (AEDIDH), Spain
Asociación galega Cova Crea, Spain
Association Couflens Salau Demain, France
Association Gratte Papiers (Salsigne), France
Association Internationale des Techniciens Experts et Chercheurs (AITEC), France
Association pour la Dépollution des Anciennes Mines de la Vieille Montagne (ADAMVM), France
Association Solidarité Guyane, France
ATTAC France, France
ATTAC Japan, Japan
Attention Mines !, France
Ayni France, France
CADE (Collectif des Associations de Défense de l'Environnement Pays Basque), France
CATAPA (Comité Académico Técnico de Asesoramiento a Problemas Ambientales), Belgium
Centar za zivotnu sredinu / Center for environment, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Centre de Recherche sur l'Environnement, la Démocratie et les Droits de l'Homme (CREDDHO), Democratic Republic of Congo
Centre tricontinental (CETRI), Belgium
Centro de Documentación e Información Bolivia (CEDIB), Bolivia
CFSI (Comité Français pour la Solidarité Internationale), France
Coal Action Network, United Kingdom
Collectif Douar Didoull, France
Comité Écologique Ariégeois, France
Comité pour les droits humains en Amérique latine (CDHAL), Canada
Comité Solidarité avec Cajamarca, France
Commission Justice & Paix, Belgium
Confédération Paysanne, France
ContraMINAcción, Spain
CooperAcción, Pérou
Decoin (Defensa y Conservación Ecológica de Intag), Ecuador
Denver Justice & Peace Committee, United States
DesTerresMINEes35, France
DIWALL ! Mines, France
Ecologistas en Acción, Spain
ELA (Euskal Langileen Alkartasuna – Solidarité de Travailleurs et Travailleuses Basques), Spain
Envol Vert, France
Étudiants et Développement, France
Federação de Órgãos para Assistência Social e Educacional (FASE), Brazil
Fondation Nicolas Hulot pour la Nature et l'Homme, France
Food & Water Europe, Belgium
Forum Ökologie & Papier / Forum on Ecology & Paper, Germany
France Libertés – Fondation Danielle Mitterrand, France
Friends of the Earth Europe, Belgium

Fundar - Centro de Análisis e Investigación, Mexico
GLOBAL 2000 - Friends of the Earth Austria, Austria
Greenpeace France, France
Hellenic Mining Watch, Greece
ICRA International, France
Ingeniería sin Fronteras Argentina, Argentina
Ingénieurs sans Frontières Cameroun, Cameroun
Ingénieurs sans frontières France, France
Ingénieurs sans frontières Grenoble, France
Ingénieurs sans frontières Nantes, France
Ingénieurs sans frontières Nord, France
Ingénieurs sans frontières SystExt, France
Institut für Ökologie und Aktions-Ethnologie (INFOE), Germany
Institut Momentum, France
Kalikasan People's Network for the Environment (Kalikasan PNE), Philippines
Kolektif JistiS Min, Haiti
Les Amis de la Terre, France
Listen to the Amazon, United Kingdom
L'R des centres de femmes du Québec, Canada
Lucha RDC, Democratic Republic of Congo
Max Impact – Sud Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo
Mining Watch Romania, Romania
Mouvement populaire pour la santé au Canada/People's Health Movement Canada, Canada
Movimiento Unificado Francisco Sánchez 1932 (MUFRAS 32), Salvador
Papua New Guinea Mine Watch, Papua New Guinea
POLLINIS, France
Procesos Integrales para la Autogestión de los Pueblos (PIAP), Mexico
Red Latinoamericana sobre Industrias Extractivas (RLIE), Mexico
Red Mexicana de Afectados por la Minería (REMA), Mexico
Réseau IPAM (Initiatives pour un autre monde), France
Roşia Montană - Alburnus Maior Association, Romania
Rouez Environnement, France
Sauvons la forêt, Germany
SHERPA, France
Sindicato Labrego Galego, Spain
SOS CHALKIDIKI, Greece
Stop Mine Salau, France
Stop Mines 23, France
Stop Mines 87, France
Stop Mines EH, France
Tchendukua-Ici et Ailleurs, France
The Gaia Foundation, United Kingdom
Verdegaia, Spain
Vigil'oust Merléac, France
Yes to Life No to Mining Movement
World Rainforest Movement (WRM), Uruguay