



DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE affirms the following declaration of principles. We believe it should serve as a guide to any decision and action regarding resource extraction and management made by our government, Canadian companies, and individuals.

SACRED

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The Earth is sacred. All life is interconnected and interdependent. Therefore, the Earth's ecological diversity, beauty and health must be protected.

EQUITY AND PEACE

2

The Earth's resources must be shared by peaceful means in an equitable manner that allows current and future generations to meet their needs.

PARTICIPATION

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All people have the right to participate fully in and have control over decisions that affect their lives and communities.

SOLIDARITY

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In the interests of solidarity and the common good, decisions made for the benefit of one community must not violate the rights of other communities.

COMMON GOOD

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The importance of the Earth's resources to the common good takes priority over any possible commercial value.

OPTION FOR THE POOR

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In the extraction, management, and use of resources, human rights must be respected. Preference must be given to the rights of indigenous peoples and those who are marginalized by poverty or because of race and gender.



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