A GROWING CALL FOR RESPONSIBLE MINING

From Madagascar to Peru to the Philippines, communities and church leaders are sending us an urgent call to action.

Communities in the Global South are mobilizing to denounce threats to their land, water and lives in the face of the activities of Canadian mining companies. Their calls for justice, however, are not being heard here in Canada.

**Development and Peace** is asking Canadians to support our call for an independent ombudsman who can be a voice for justice here in Canada for those whose rights have been violated by Canadian extractive companies operating overseas.

Communities want Canadians to know about the injustices they are facing and to stand in solidarity with them in their struggles.

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SNAKES AND LADDERS
Inlanded extractive companies vs. CSR Counsellor

THE GAME INSTRUCTIONS

1. The player who reaches Justice First wins.
2. Players move their game piece to the space indicated by the area they visit on the board.
3. The game is played in turns, with each player moving their game piece to the space indicated by the area they visit on the board.
4. Players must follow the instructions and rules of the game, as outlined in the game instructions.
5. The game is won by the player who reaches Justice First.

THE GAME BOARD

The game board is divided into a series of spaces, each representing a different area of the game. Players move their game piece from one space to another, following the instructions and rules of the game, in order to reach Justice First.

THE INLANDED EXTRACTIVE COMPANIES

1. The Inlanded Extractive Companies are represented by the Ombudsman, who provides mediation and an independent investigation to determine the facts of the case.
2. The Inlanded Extractive Companies are represented by the CSR Counsellor, who provides an independent investigation to determine the facts of the case.
3. The Inlanded Extractive Companies are represented by the Government, who provides an independent investigation to determine the facts of the case.

THE CSR COUNCILLOR

1. The CSR Counsellor provides an independent investigation to determine the facts of the case.
2. The CSR Counsellor provides assistance to the Inlanded Extractive Companies in their efforts to settle disputes.
3. The CSR Counsellor provides assistance to the Government in their efforts to settle disputes.

THE GOVERNMENT

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3. The Government provides assistance to the CSR Counsellor in their efforts to settle disputes.

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THE WATER IN THE GAME

1. The water in the game represents the natural resources that are being exploited by the Inlanded Extractive Companies.
2. The water in the game represents the communities that are affected by the Inlanded Extractive Companies.
3. The water in the game represents the environment that is being harmed by the Inlanded Extractive Companies.

THE VOICE OF THE POPULATION

1. The voice of the population represents the communities that are affected by the Inlanded Extractive Companies.
2. The voice of the population represents the environment that is being harmed by the Inlanded Extractive Companies.
3. The voice of the population represents the people who are calling for greater accountability in the extractive sector.

THE CHURCH LEADERS SPEAK OUT

1. Church leaders in the Global South are witness to the negative impacts that extractive companies are having on the communities they serve.
2. Church leaders in the Global South are calling for greater accountability in the extractive sector.
3. Church leaders in the Global South are calling for greater respect for the environment.

THE CALLING FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE SINCE 2006

1. In 2006, the Canadian government launched the National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility.
2. The National Roundtables are a series of national consultations that involved civil society organizations, government, and business.
3. The National Roundtables were held in order to develop mechanisms to hold companies accountable for their actions overseas.

THE FOUNDATIONS

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THE WINNER

The winner of the game is the player who reaches Justice First.

THE LOSER

The loser of the game is the player who does not reach Justice First.

THE RULES

1. The rules of the game are outlined in the game instructions.
2. The rules of the game are followed by all players.
3. The rules of the game are enforced by the game facilitator.

THE WINNING STRATEGY

1. The winning strategy is to move the game piece to the space indicated by the area they visit on the board.
2. The winning strategy is to follow the instructions and rules of the game.
3. The winning strategy is to reach Justice First.

THE LOSING STRATEGY

1. The losing strategy is to move the game piece to the space indicated by the area they visit on the board.
2. The losing strategy is to follow the instructions and rules of the game.
3. The losing strategy is to not reach Justice First.

THE AIM OF THE GAME

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THE GOAL OF THE GAME

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THE OBJECTIVE OF THE GAME

The objective of the game is to reach Justice First.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GAME

The purpose of the game is to reach Justice First.

THE MEANING OF THE GAME

The meaning of the game is to reach Justice First.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GAME

The significance of the game is to reach Justice First.

THE IMPACT OF THE GAME

The impact of the game is to reach Justice First.

THE EFFECT OF THE GAME

The effect of the game is to reach Justice First.

THE RESULT OF THE GAME

The result of the game is to reach Justice First.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAME

The conclusion of the game is to reach Justice First.

THE FINAL WORD

The final word on the game is to reach Justice First.

THE LAST WORD

The last word on the game is to reach Justice First.

THE END