R31 Ecocide: Venezuela's Mining Arc. (Extractivist project).

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Resolution text

The Ecological Movement of Venezuela (Green Party) has developed for years the fight to defend the most vulnerable groups, natural resources and the catastrophic impact of extractivist projects. For this reason, within the framework of climate democracy, and in the construction of the legal framework for Ecocide to be considered an international crime and marked in international treaties.

We seek articulation and alliances, to defend, recover, protect and make visible the largest ECOCIDE AND ETHNOCIDE in the world that occurs in the Bolivar State in Venezuela, called "Arco Minero"

Reason

The Venezuelan Mining Arc is an immense extension of the Venezuelan territory of 111,843 km^2 close to the south coast of the Orinoco River and which also represents the mark of a policy provided by the government to promote the opening to mining in general, likewise it has as main ambition the function of violently obtaining precious minerals such as gold and coltan. This represents challenging political, social and environmental conditions that are promoted by a failed state promoting anarchy, the absence of the rule of law, non-compliance with international treaties and agreements, and the disproportionate looting of the Nation's natural and mining heritage.

The Venezuelan Mining Arc not only represents a territorial area of the state, it has a socio-political-economic-environmental impact, which is represented in the environmental area with an extension on the map that covers the Canaima national park, the river basin Paragua River, the middle and upper basin of the Caura River (Caura National Park), the Yapacana National Park, the Alto Orinoco Casiquiare Biosphere Reserve, all of northern Amazonas state and the border. Socially, the extension of mining has caused the promotion of anarchy, has decisively affected the quality of life of Venezuelans, has promoted white slavery, prostitution, and child labor, as well as the violation of the fundamental rights of the most vulnerable groups, highlighting the aboriginal peoples who are persecuted, killed for their defense and/or permanence in these spaces.

Another factor that we can mention inside is the economic sector, where the financial actors are private investors and are the ones who provide the economic resources and enter as financial partners of the political operators of the Venezuelan presidency.

In conclusion, mining in Venezuela, represented by the Mining Arc, has become a submerged activity within a large organized criminal network that reaches all levels of Venezuelan and Latin American political and military power.