

JOINT STATEMENT

Re: RECENT CONFLICT AROUND THE QMM MINE IN ANOSY, OCTOBER 2023

To whom it may concern

Following protests in Anosy during October, which according to reports resulted in the tragic deaths of at least three protestors, we write to assure those local, national and international actors with whom we are in dialogue about the Rio Tinto/QMM mine that we do not support violence. We strongly condemn the abhorrent and unjustifiable use of live ammunition by police against unarmed protestors. We do not support the practice of hostage taking, or any acts by any parties involved that could undermine the safety, security and human rights of an individual or group.

Our advocacy work is predicated on respecting international law and finding peaceful, meaningful and long-term resolution to human rights issues and communities' entitlements in relation to the Rio Tinto/QMM mine.

We continue in our efforts through scientific and social studies, technical inquiry, direct dialogue with the mining company, engagement with community members, and outreach to multiple CSOs and other partners, to find remedy to the social and environmental issues that underlie conflict in Anosy.



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