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The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade has the honour to present its

## **FIFTEENTH REPORT**

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(1), your committee established a subcommittee and assigned it the responsibility to inquire into matters relating to the promotion of respect for international human rights and the achievement of sustainable human development goals.

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade submitted its Third Report to the Committee

Your committee adopted the report, which reads as follows:

### **INTRODUCTION**

Over the past several years, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development has heard evidence related to the activities of Canadian mining and other resource companies in developing countries, including Colombia, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Most recently, it has held hearings on the activities of the Canadian mining company TVI Pacific Inc. in the Philippines, as well as on the broader issue of corporate social responsibility with respect to the activities of Canadian mining companies in developing countries.

These hearings have underlined the fact that mining activities in some developing countries have had adverse effects on local communities, especially where regulations governing the mining sector and its impact on the economic and social wellbeing of employees and local residents, as well as on the environment, are weak or non-existent, or where they are not enforced. To address problems related to corporate activities in developing countries, a number of organizations have developed and implemented voluntary norms for corporate social responsibility, including the United Nations Global Compact and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, both of which are supported by the Government of Canada.

In light of its most recent hearings, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development agrees to report the following:

### **I. ENSURING SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT BY CANADIAN COMPANIES**











