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These organizations were involved in varying degrees with a fact-finding trip on the impact of mining in the Philippines on the human rights of indigenous and local communities the findings of which were documented in the report Mining in the Philippines: Concerns and Conflicts (Attached). A Working Group on Mining in the Philippines (WGMP) was subsequently established by a number of the submitting organisations. This submission reflects findings of the fact-finding trip as well as the on-going research and work being conducted by the members of the WGMP and their partner organizations.