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Press release

Application to the OECD National Contact Point against FCA Italy (Stellantis group) concerning the purchase of cobalt from the Democratic Republic of Congo: we ask for transparency of data on human rights

This morning an application was presented to the National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for multinational companies, based at the Ministry of Economic Development, against the former FIAT, now controlled by the "Stellantis" group.

The initiative, promoted by FOCSIV with numerous Italian associations and non-governmental organizations, many of which operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo, was decided in order to launch a verification of the transparency in the supply of "Conflict Minerals", and in particular cobalt, a very important element also in relation to the ecological transition that car manufacturers are preparing to implement.

This initiative was preceded by a warning, found by the multinational in a generic way. In particular, while demonstrating that it has knowledge of the existing criticalities, the company has not fully fulfilled its duties, as envisaged and governed by the OECD Guidelines, relating to the adoption of effective systems to identify, prevent and reduce the possible human rights violations in the supply chain of cobalt or other minerals originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The signatory associations therefore contacted the National Contact Point to provide its good offices for the Stellantis group to make the relevant data and information public and to adapt its conduct to the Guidelines.

It is hoped that the request will be accepted by the National Contact Point, in order to start the negotiation process and obtain what is requested.

In promoting this initiative, FOCSIV confirms its commitment to promoting sustainable development based on respect for human rights and the environment, in which companies can play a key and proactive role, aligning with what is foreseen at international and European level in terms of due diligence, also with reference to the recent proposal for the EHRDD directive currently under discussion in Europe.

The following are the organizations that signed the notice:

AOI, Rainbow Association, Direct Law, Fairwatch, La rosa Roja, Sulla Strada, CeVI, Chiama l'Africa, CILAP, CODISARD, Federation of Christian Organizations International Voluntary Service (FOCSIV), Federation for the Economy of the Common Good in Italy (FEBC), FORUMSAD, Human Rights International Corner, Mediterraneo (HRIC), Noi Noi, Movimento per la Fame Against Hunger nel Mondo (MLFM), Nigrizia, Progetto Continenti, Solidarity and Cooperation - CIPSI, Time for Africa, VIM Volontari Italiani per il Madagascar, I want to live onlus.

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