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**cc.** Mr. Jo Leinen  
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Dear Mr. Potočnik,

*Participation opportunities ref. resolution P7\_TA(2010)0145*

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the European parliament adopted resolution P7\_TA(2010)0145 calling for an EU-wide ban on cyanide leaching operations in mining by 2012. The resolution also requests EU states and institutions not to support directly or indirectly cyanide-based mining operations in the EU and third countries.

We, as representatives of the anti-cyanide initiatives across Europe welcome the political will to restrict the use of cyanide due to the unacceptable risks that this highly toxic substance poses to public health and the environment. 488 votes in support; compared to 48 votes against and 37 abstentions indicates a healthy vote and determination by the EU's legislative which we know your institution will honour and follow.

The undersigned would herewith like to inform you of their wish to participate from the earliest stage possible in the procedure that will see the implementation of resolution P7\_TA(2010)014. We are also asking you to notify us at your earliest convenience about:

- the detailed procedure and timeline for the resolution's implementation
- the conditions and opportunities for NGO's to participate in the procedure of the resolution's implementation from the earliest stage possible

We look forward to reading your reply and remain

Yours sincerely,

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