

Few lines about the Injunction

This is an injunction that suspends the election of the Coexistence Committee, through WhatsApp called by the Anglo American mining company of the Minas-Rio Project. The injunction was filed due to the fact that the process used by Anglo American violates the rights of broad and informed participation of the affected communities. The state prosecutor's office filed a lawsuit against Anglo American and obtained this injunction suspending the election process.

At the end of last June, the company published the call notice for the new election of committee members for the 2021-2023 biennium. The document provided for the claim to take place through WhatsApp. The state prosecutor's office filed a lawsuit against the measure.

In the Minas-Rio Project, the Coexistence Program has a committee to seek mediation with residents of local communities affected by the impact of the activities.

The Coexistence Program provides for the establishment of Committees at the communities at the east side of the mountain hill and at the west side. The only existing Coexistence Committee so far, was installed in 2017, east of the mountain range, and includes the communities of *Sapo, Turso, Cabeceira do Turco and Beco*. There is still no Conviviality Committee for the communities of Água Quente and Passasete, which are downstream of the dam. On the west side of the mountain, there is still no Coexistence Committee, which would be for the community of Gondó.

Therefore, this injunction concerns the Coexistence Committee of the communities of *Sapo, Turso, Cabeceira do Turco and Beco*. These communities have also their own community organization, which is called ASCOB - (São Sebastião do Bom Sucesso Residents Community Association). ASCOB represents these four affected communities, and agrees with the injunction and states that the process needs to be carried out based on dialogue, transparency of information, the viability of the means of participation that are the bases of a stable and respectful coexistence.