



Rio Report: Outcomes and Reflective Summary (MGA)

On June 22, 2012, Heads of State and high-level representatives from almost 200 countries adopted the outcome document of the Rio+20 Conference. To download the full text in English or Spanish, [click here](#).

What happened to the four primary Rio+20 issues lobbied so intensely by Sisters of Mercy worldwide?

Mercy Global Action Coordinator at the UN, Áine O'Connor rsm, provides a first-hand perspective through this initial take on each of the following four issues as they are treated (or not) in the final outcome document:

1. Reaffirmation of the Rio Principles and commitment to an equitable and sustainable future for all peoples and Earth
2. Reaffirmation of a rights based commitment to sustainable development and, in particular, reaffirmation of the human right to water and sanitation
3. Commitment to the need for mining regulation and recognition of the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples for mining activities impacting their land, territories and resources
4. Reining in of transnational corporations and ensuring their accountability and transparency to enable sustainable and equitable development for all in harmony with nature and within our planetary boundaries.

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