

## **National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines**

### **Specific instance prot n. 00161324.10-07-2020 submitted to the Italian NCP on behalf of the Ikeinghenbiri Community versus ENI International S.p.A.**

#### **REPORT**

1. On the 9 July 2020 a specific instance was submitted to the Italian National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The complaint was filed by a lawyer at Magna Pax Law Partners on behalf of the Ikeinghenbiri Community a community in the Bayelsa state of southern Nigeria, allegedly threatened by the environmental impact of spills of oil plants installed in the area, occurred from 2010 to 2016, with repercussions in terms of health and economy.
2. The involved multinational was ENI International S.p.A., as a controlling company of NAOC, (Nigeria Agip Oil Company) which manages the aforementioned plants.
3. All the above resulted in alleged violations of Chapter VI (Environment) of the OECD Guidelines.
4. The NCP started the Initial Assessment immediately after receiving the complaint.
5. The company requested an extension to submit its reply to the complaint twice.
6. On the 28th September 2020 the company informed the NCP that NAOC and the Ikeinghenbiri Community were trying to reach an agreement outside the NCP. Therefore, the NCP suspended the procedure.
7. On 4 December 2020, ENI S.p.A. communicated that an agreement had been reached between NAOC and the Ikeinghenbiri Community. The NCP did not receive further communications by the Ikeinghenbiri Community.
8. The NCP informed the parties that it would consider the case as formally closed if no objection was raised by 30th April 2021.
9. No objection was raised and thus the NCP closed the case.

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