



## **AMERICA/URUGUAY - Over 13 thousand signatures in favor of clean environment**

Tacuarembó (Agenzia Fides) - The Bishop of Tacuarembó, His Exc. Mgr. Julio César Bonino, who presides the Commission "Tacuarembó for life and for water" in order to free the area from the mega mineral projects of metals, diamonds and oil, has expressed his satisfaction regarding the results of the petition promoted by the Commission, which asks the authorities for a decree that respects the environment. The Bishop, in the note sent to Fides, thanks all those who joined the initiative "allowing to reach every corner of our area with requests to sign". In Tacuarembó the Commission managed to collect more than 13,000 signatures which were validated by the Electoral Commission.

Fides followed the story from the moment in which Mgr. Bonino had agreed to become a member of the Commission (see Fides 23/10/2012). Now the Bishop comments: "We have echoed the warning, which also concerns other countries of our continent, asking to step up and carry out consultation processes to facilitate the participation of those involved in mining projects and for decisions on the possible approval of these projects". (CE) (Agenzia Fides 19/12/2013)