

# America

## Constellation: AM Central C7

Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay



### NEEDS

Continent: **America**

Constellation: **AM Central C7**

Country: **Argentina**

#### Cry of the Earth

- environmental problems (urban and rural) typical of an industrializing economy such as
  - deforestation,
  - soil degradation (erosion, salinization)
  - desertification
  - air pollution
  - water pollution

#### Cry of the Poor

- long-standing human rights problems that include
  - police abuse
  - poor prison conditions
  - endemic violence against women
  - difficulty accessing reproductive services
  - obstacles that keep indigenous people from enjoying rights afforded to them by Argentine and international law
    - lack of legal ownership over the ancestral indigenous lands leads to their forced removal
    - treated like second class citizens, subjected to violence, intimidation and discrimination

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Country: **Paraguay**

#### Cry of the Earth

- Deforestation
- water pollution

### Commitments

1. In light of what we have reflected on in recent years as the Constellation's journey, our commitment will first be to the care of the person - human ecology.
1. 2. We commit ourselves to create institutional protocols for the good treatment and the problem of abuse.

- rivers suffer from toxic dumping
- tanneries release mercury and chromium into rivers and streams
- loss of wetlands
- inadequate means for waste disposal poses health risks for many urban residents

#### Cry of the Poor

- poverty rate has declined in recent years but remains high, especially in rural areas, with more than a third of the population below the poverty line
  - around a quarter of Paraguayans live below the national poverty line
- Much of the land is owned by a small number of individuals and successive governments have been slow to implement land reform.

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Country: **Uruguay**

#### Cry of the Earth

- water pollution from meat packing/tannery industry
- heavy metal pollution
- inadequate solid/hazardous waste disposal
- deforestation

#### Cry of the Poor

- homicides increased by nearly 50 percent from 2011-2012
- the country's importance as a transshipment point for the international drugs trade seems to be growing, as does the presence of international criminal actors
  - Driving much of the violence are local gangs who are battling with each other for control of one of the region's larger domestic drug markets, in terms of population share
- backlogged courts system and overcrowded penitentiary facilities