

**Responsible or irresponsible:**  
**Europe's resource use & impacts**  
**FoE – EP – Nov. 9th, 2011**

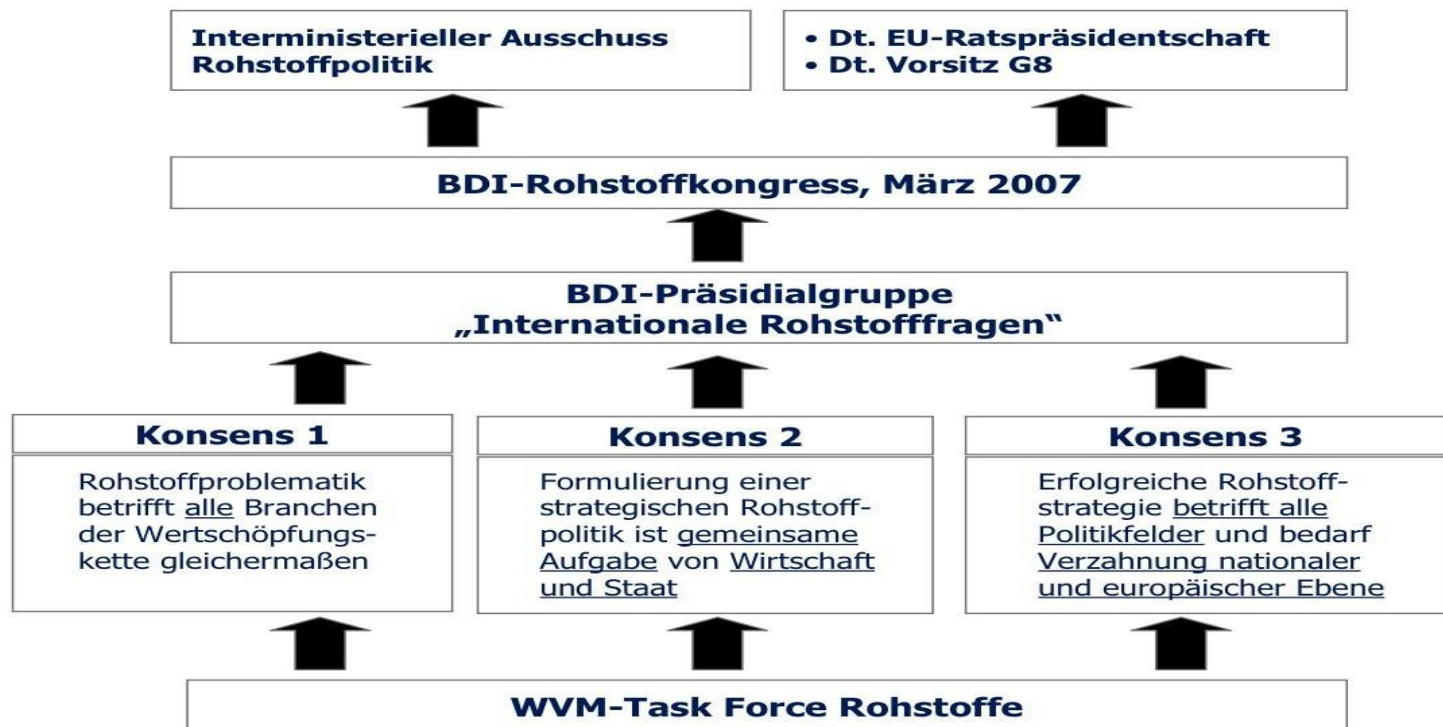
**The Raw Materials Initiative: Responsible  
or irresponsible?**

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# RMI+ - onthology (CEO 27/6/11)

## Entwicklung einer internationalen Rohstoffstrategie



# RMI+ - onthology (Gresea 9/11/11)

- **Members of the EU « Raw Materials Supply Group »**
- The NGO Eurogypsum, voice of the European Gypsum industry
- The NGO BusinessEurope, the corporate Europe lobby group
- The NGO Euromines, metals and minerals mining industry
- The NGO IMA, minerals industry umbrella
- The NGO EXCA, another gypsum industry lobby group
- The NGO Europe Aluminium Association, no comment
- & so on & so forth

Out of the 32 organisations embedded in the EU « expert group », 21 are said to be « NGOs ». Thereof 16 are evidently corporate submarines (only 2 clear cut NGOs: FoE & WWF).

# RMI+ - semiotics

• <b>Market</b>	<b>165</b>
• <b>Transparency</b>	<b>38</b>
• <b>Supply/ier</b>	<b>34</b>
• <b>Investment/or</b>	<b>27</b>
• <b>Consumers/ption</b>	<b>17</b>
• <b>Access</b>	<b>12</b>
• <b>Competitive/ness</b>	<b>8</b>
• <b>Citizen/ns</b>	<b>2</b>

## RMI+ - underlying credit asset

- **« Securing supplies of raw materials is essentially the task of companies and the role of public authorities is to ensure the right framework conditions to allow companies to carry out this task. »**

*COM (2011) 25 final – 2.2.2011 – Section 5.1 Monitoring critical raw materials.*

# RMI+ - blind spots

« Canada is now the mining superpower in Africa. The US is the military superpower & the largest weapons manufacturer and exporter. Canadian mining corporations depend on AFRICOM to secure access to resources; US weapons manufacturers depend on Canadian corporations for mineral manufacturing inputs. »

*Ann Garrison, « The US in Africa », Projet censored, 2011.*

France has 4 military bases in Africa, AFRICOM of the US has at least 4 outposts, Japan (Djibouti) & Canada (Senegal) followed suit this year (2011).

Africa has no military presence in Europe, nor anywhere in the West... (By the way, neither has China)

# RMI+ - blind spots

- What you won't find in the discussion, no trace, are the old time Third World goals:
- **Get a good price for its resources**
- **Be at liberty to rule over its own economy without outside interference**
- **Share in foreign corporate profits**
- **Obtain redress for colonial exploitation**
- **Enjoy a state-to-state level playing field**

# **RMI+ - blind spots**

- **Ever heard of the NNN ?**
- **Does NAM ring a bell ?**
- **Belgrade, anyone ?**
  
- **NNN stands for the NAM News Network**
- **NAM: the Non Aligned Movement (120 C)**
- **It celebrated its 50th anniversary in Belgrade, september 2011, it didn't quite make the news**



# NAM XIVth summit

- « It is also a question of establishing a genuine independence by eliminating foreign monopolies and assuming control over their national resources and exploiting them for the benefit of their peoples. »
- *Declaration of the 14th Summit of the Heads of State or Government of the Member Countries of the Non-Aligned Movement, september 2006, Havana.*