 Statement

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"We have already provided comprehensive answers to the government's unsubstantiated allegations. We asked for a number of clarifications. They refused to answer. It is absurd for the government to expect us to attend a hearing in Conakry where two of our colleagues have been detained for six months without charge in clear breach of international law, and without regard for their human rights."

"We have nothing to hide but the extraordinary manner in which the government's review process has been conducted makes it clear beyond doubt that the Technical Committee was established to provide a pre-test to illegally seize our private property. It is consistent with the government's recent attempts to pressurise international natural resource companies operating in Guinea to pay for the right to remain in the country. We refused and this vicious PR campaign is the result."

"It is a disgrace that the Government of Guinea chose to leak an important and confidential document to the international media before it had been provided to the company. It is a PR campaign masquerading as a government."

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