

**APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO CHILE AND
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ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
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[...] For example, black market mining has become a danger that is destroying people's lives; forests and rivers are being destroyed, with all the richness they possess. This process of degradation brings with it and encourages organizations operating outside of legal structures; these debase so many of our brothers and sisters by subjecting them to human trafficking (a new form of slavery), irregular employment and crime... and to other evils that gravely affect their dignity and, at the same time, the dignity of the nation. [...]