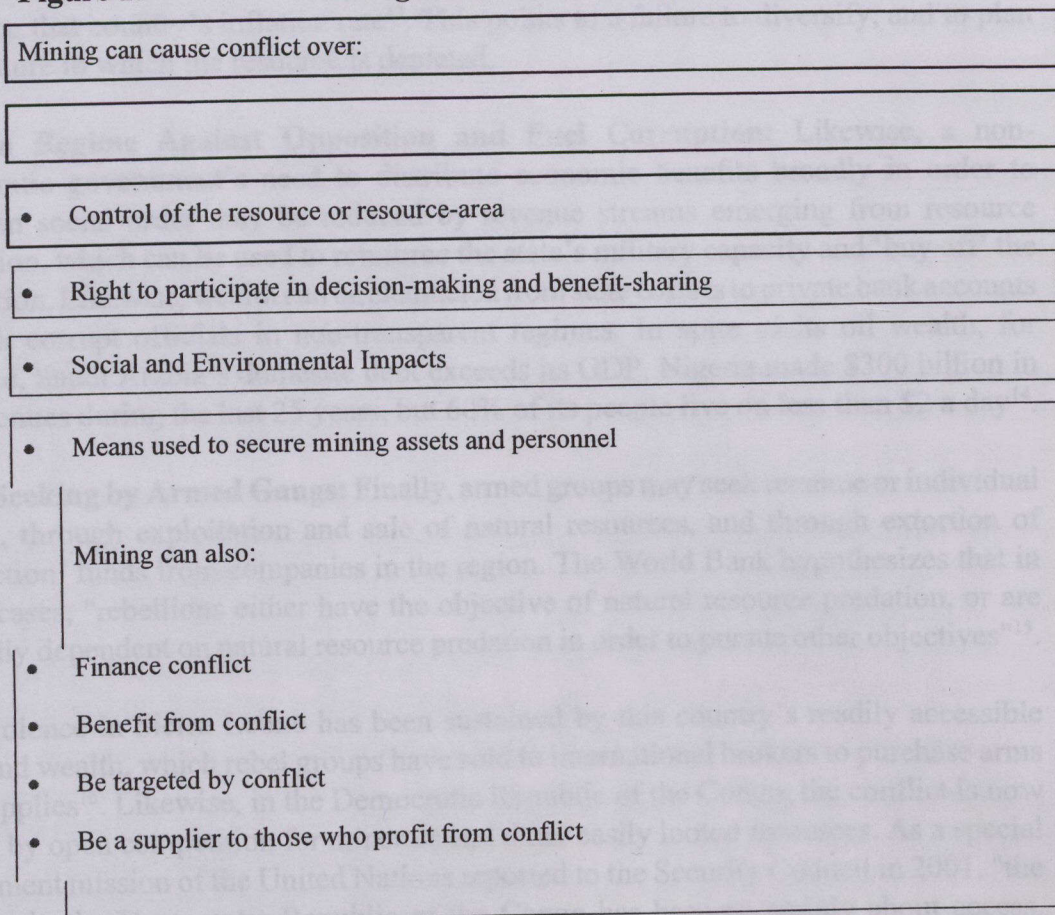


**Figure 1. Linkages Between Mining and Conflict**



**Conflict can emerge over control of the resource or resource-area.** An example of this may be the reported attempt by the Brazilian state mining company, CVRD, to evict a group of small-scale miners from a concession in Serra Leste. The local miners are alleged to have taken seven employees of the mining company hostage until their demands were met<sup>18</sup>.

Similarly, in Suriname, conflict emerged between villagers and Golden Star Resources (GSR) over access to the region's gold reserves. According to a special assessment team assembled by the Organization of American States, "from the perspective of the small-scale miners...these deposits represent a lifetime of employment. From the perspective of GSR, however, ...mak[ing] available parts of their concessions to small-scale miners may not be realistic from an economic perspective"<sup>19</sup>. Small-scale mining, however,

<sup>18</sup> Rosenfeld-Sweeting, A. and A. Clarke, *Lightening the Lode: A Guide to Responsible Large-Scale Mining*, (Conservation International, 2000), p. 54.

<sup>19</sup> Unit for the Promotion of Democracy-Organization of American States. 'Natural Resources, Foreign Concessions and Land Rights: A Report on the Village of Nieuw Koffiekamp'. (Washington: OAS,