Canadian extractive sector companies have a significant presence around the world, including in developing and emerging economies. Increasingly, Canadian companies’ overseas operations are associated with credible accusations of human rights abuse - including forced labour, sexual violence and involuntary relocation. The Government of Canada has an important role to play in promoting corporate accountability and an obligation to ensure that Canadian companies respect international human and labour rights wherever they operate.

This Parliamentary Report Card documents

- the commitments made by Canadian federal political parties to adopt corporate accountability mechanisms in Canada and
- the MP voting record on legislation to create an Ombudsman for the international extractive sector in Canada.

1 VOTING RECORD:

DOES YOUR MP SUPPORT THE CREATION OF AN EXTRACTIVE SECTOR OMBUDSMAN?

(See a detailed breakdown of how MPs voted on the next pages)

Second Reading Vote on Bill C-584, Extractive Sector Ombudsman Bill
October 1, 2014

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1 For example, over half of the world’s mining and mineral exploration companies are headquartered in Canada, with operations in over 100 countries. (NRCan 2013, http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/assets/pdfs/Enhanced_CS_Strategy_ENG.pdf)
2 PUBLIC COMMITMENTS:

WHICH PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO MAKE CANADA OPEN FOR JUSTICE?²
(See more detailed corporate accountability commitments for each party on the next pages)

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WHAT WILL EACH POLITICAL PARTY DO TO ADVANCE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY IN CANADA?³

CREATE AN EXTRACTIVE-SECTOR OMBUDSMAN?

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<td>“…we believe that the two dispute resolution mechanisms currently in place – the Office of the CSR Counsellor, and the NCP – [for] … the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises – are the most effective means for resolving disputes.”</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>“… institute a Corporate Social Responsibility Ombudsman responsible for investigating complaints filed against Canadian extractive companies working abroad.”</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>“… set up an independent ombudsman office to advise Canadian companies, consider complaints made against them, and investigate those complaints where it is deemed warranted.”</td>
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² The CNCA considers a party to have made a commitment to ensure access to justice in Canada when it has committed to facilitate access to Canadian courts and/or create an extractive sector Ombudsman.

³ The following chart contains excerpts from Canadian federal political parties’ policy platforms and excerpts from responses by party representatives to CNCA requests for information. For further information see www.cnca.rcrce.ca. Sources: New Democratic Party of Canada, Canada cares: Our vision for international development cooperation, pp. 6-7; Liberal Party of Canada response to questionnaire – received via email, Green Party of Canada, Vision Green 2015, p. 131, Bloc Québécois response to questionnaire – received via email in French (English translation is our own).
### Facilitate Access to Canadian Courts?

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| No
The Conservative Party of Canada response did not commit to any specific action to facilitate access to Canadian courts. The response does state that “… dispute resolution mechanisms (CSR Office and OECD NCP) are not meant to replace local mechanisms, nor do they preclude the use of court systems.” | Yes
“… adopt a strong legal corporate accountability framework for Canadian companies abroad, including… access to judicial remedy.” | No
The Liberal Party of Canada response did not commit to any specific action to facilitate access to Canadian courts. The response did state that the Party is “… committed to the principles of justice and the protection of human rights for all people around the world, and we will safeguard fundamental human rights both here at home and abroad.” | Yes
“Develop laws similar to the U.S.’s Alien Tort Claims Act that will allow those who are not Canadian to sue Canadian corporations for gross violations of basic human, environmental, or labour rights …” | ?
The Bloc Quebecois offer an alternative avenue to seek justice: “Transform international corporate social responsibility codes of conduct into binding legislation … would allow foreign citizens to make a complaint for failure to comply with codes of conduct that would now have legal force. The result would be an end to violations … the best form of justice.” |

### Implement the National Roundtables’ Recommendations?

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| ?
No mention was made of the National Roundtable Recommendations. | Yes
“… implement the recommendations of the 2007 National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility to ensure that Canadian companies abide by international human rights law and environmental standards when operating overseas, and develop and enforce sanctions if they do not.” | Yes
“A Liberal government will act on the (National Roundtables) Advisory Group’s recommendations, including adopting Canadian CSR standards.” | Yes
“Adopt the recommendations of the Advisory Report from the National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility. This framework sets out clear standards and reporting obligations for Canadian corporations.” | Yes
The proposed Canadian Extraterritorial Activities Review Commission is an attempt to implement the Recommendations of the National Roundtables on CSR. |

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4 In 2007 civil society and industry involved in the National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries reached an unprecedented consensus around public policy recommendations.
### OTHER COMMITMENTS

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<td>“…under our refreshed CSR Strategy, a decision by a company not to cooperate with Canada’s National Contact Point or the CSR Counsellor’s review process will be made public and cause the Government of Canada’s support in foreign markets to be withdrawn…”</td>
<td>“…adopt a strong legal corporate accountability framework for Canadian companies abroad, including clear standards with robust sanctions for non-compliance; a strong independent oversight body; and access to judicial remedy.”</td>
<td>“The Liberal Party of Canada has long been fighting for transparency, accountability and sustainability in the mining sector. Canadians rightly expect Canadian businesses at home and abroad to reflect our values, and the success of Canadian business rests, in part, on Canada’s good reputation. Continuing to address these issues and finding meaningful solutions is a priority for the Liberal Party of Canada.”</td>
<td>“Introduce legislation to hold Canadian corporations that are working overseas to the same environmental and human rights standards as they are subject to in Canada”</td>
<td>“After inquiry by the Commission, a company found to be at fault would have no right to any federal government support of any kind, including from crown corporations such as the EDC.”</td>
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<td>“Strengthen transparency, accountability, and responsibility of Canadian companies operating overseas.”</td>
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### DOES YOUR MP SUPPORT THE CREATION OF AN EXTRACTIVE SECTOR OMBUDSMAN?

The following lists the votes of all Members of Parliament at the Second Reading of Bill C-584, Corporate Social Responsibility of Extractive Corporations Outside Canada Act: An Act respecting the Corporate Social Responsibility Inherent in the Activities of Canadian Extractive Corporations in Developing Countries, on October 1, 2014.

**FOR**

**New Democratic Party (86):**
Malcolm Allen, Charlie Angus, Niki Ashton, Robert Aubin, Tyrone Benskin, Dennis Bevington, Denis Blanchette, Françoise Boivin, Charmaine Borg, Marjolaine Boutin-Sweet, Tarik Brahmi, Ruth Ellen Brosseau, Guy Caron, Andrew Cash, Chris Charlton, Sylvain Chicoine, Robert Chisholm, François Choquette, David Christopherson, Ryan Cleary, Raymond Côté, Nathan Cullen, Libby Davies, Don Davies, Anne-Marie Day, Paul Dewar, Pierre Dionne Labelle, Fin Donnelly, Rosane Doré Lefebvre, Matthew Dubé, Linda Duncan, Pierre-Luc Dupas, Mylène Freeman, Randall Garrison, Réjean Genest, Alain Giguère, Yvon Godin, Claude Gravelle, Sadia Groguèh, Jack Harris, Dan...
Harris, Carol Hughes, Pierre Jacob, Peter Julian, Matthew Kellway, François Lapointe, Alexandrine Latendresse, Hélène Laverdière, Hélène LeBlanc, Megan Leslie, Laurin Liu, Hoang Mai, Wayne Marston, Pat Martin, Brian Masse, Irene Mathyssen, Elaine Michaud, Christine Moore, Marie-Claude Morin, Dany Morin, Marc-André Morin, Thomas Mulcair, Pierre Nantel, Peggy Nash, Jamie Nicholls, José Nunez-Melo, Annick Papillon, Éve Péclet, Anne Minh-Thu Quach, John Rafferty, Murray Rankin, Mathieu Ravignat, Francine Raynault, Jean Rousseau, Romeo Saganash, Jasbir Sandhu, Craig Scott, Djouida Sellah, Jinny Jogindera Sims, Rathika Sitsabaiesan, Kennedy Stewart, Mike Sullivan, Glenn Thibeault, Philip Toone, Jonathan Tremblay, Nycole Turmel

Liberal Party of Canada (34):
Scott Andrews, Mauril Bélanger, Carolyn Bennett, Scott Brison, Gerry Byrne, Sean Casey, Arnold Chan, Irwin Cotler, Rodger Cuzner, Emmanuel Dubourg, Kirsty Duncan, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Judy Foote, Chrystia Freeland, Marc Garneau, Ralph Goodale, Ted Hsu, Yvonne Jones, Kevin Lamoureux, Dominic LeBlanc, Lawrence MacAulay, David McGuinty, John McKay, Joyce Murray, Massimo Pacetti, Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Judy Sgro, Scott Simms, Lise St-Denis, Justin Trudeau, Frank Valeriote, Adam Vaughan

Green Party of Canada (2):
Bruce Hyer, Elizabeth May

Bloc Québécois (2):
Claude Patry, Louis Plamondon

Independent (3):
André Bellavance, Jean-François Fortin, Manon Perreault

AGAINST

Conservative Party of Canada (149):

Independent (1):
Dean Del Mastro
Methodology:

The Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability collected responses to the following three questions from all Canadian political parties:

- What mandatory corporate accountability measures will your party advance to ensure that Canadian mining, oil and gas companies are held accountable if they are implicated in serious human rights abuses or environmental damage overseas?
- Will your party support the creation of a human rights Ombudsman for the international extractive sector in Canada?
- Will your party facilitate access to Canadian courts by people who have been harmed by Canadian mining, oil and gas companies overseas?

Wherever possible, the CNCA extracted responses to these questions directly from a party’s political platform. Where this was not possible, the CNCA contacted party representatives by email and telephone.