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Dear Emily,

Thank you for writing, for providing us with the opportunity to speak to your network and share the Green Party of Canada's platform, and for your advocacy. Please find our response below.

Best regards,

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1. Will your party support comprehensive mandatory human rights due diligence legislation? Such legislation requires companies to identify, prevent and mitigate human rights abuses and provides for liability when companies cause harm in their global operations (subsidiaries and supply chains).

The Green Party is committed to moving towards the success of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with all policy considerations we make. The SDGs include securing labour rights for all workers, worldwide. We affirm the right to work in a safe and secure working environment, both for Canadians and for the rest of the world's workforce. We are happy to work with organisations such as CNCA after the election to prevent, mitigate and prosecute human rights abuses perpetrated by Canadian companies' global operations.

2. Will you make the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) independent and provide it with the power to compel documents and testimony so it can effectively investigate human rights abuse allegations linked to Canadian corporations operating overseas?

Yes. The Green Party will work to uphold the principles of human rights by strengthening the legislative framework around corporate accountability, including greater powers for the Ombudsman for Responsible Enterprise.

3. Will you introduce effective and transparent due diligence requirements for Canadian embassies and Export Development Canada to prevent these public agencies from supporting, financing and insuring business activity that is linked to human rights abuse?

Yes. The Green Party will ensure an open and transparent government by strengthening the Access to Information Act, making government and its agencies more transparent, and reviewing the due diligence practices requirements for Canadian embassies and Export Development Canada. As previously stated, Greens are committed to moving towards the success of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with all policy considerations we make.

