

## NDP Response: Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability

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).

Yes, for far too long we've allowed Canadian companies to operate in developing countries without any accountability for serious human rights and environmental rights violations.

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 NDP has been calling for the creation of the CORE for over a decade. Once the Liberals finally created the position, they ignored and buried expert advice and created a position without the tools or teeth to be effective. We need an ombudsman who actually has the ability to make decisions, to compel witnesses and have judicial powers.

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?

Canadian embassies and Export Development Canada should not be supporting, financing or insuring business activity linked to human rights abuse. We support measures to ensure that does not happen by increasing transparency and accountability. Similarly, NDP MP Alistair MacGregor had introduced bill C-231, which would have prevented the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board from investing in companies that engage in the commission of human, labour or environmental rights violations.

Regards,  
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