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Corporate Accountability

## FEDERAL ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE 2025

**F**or years, Canadian multinationals have been implicated in serious human rights abuses and environmental damage around the globe. The abuses include [killings](#), [sexual violence](#), [water contamination](#), [land grabs](#), and [forced labour](#). The communities and workers who suffer these harms and are often unable to access justice or remedy.

Canada has international obligations to protect, respect, and fulfil human rights. This includes the obligation to protect against human and labour rights abuses by non-state actors, such as Canadian businesses operating abroad. However, Canada has not implemented the necessary laws and policies to uphold these obligations, relying instead on voluntary or reporting-only measures which have been ineffective to stop corporate abuse.

The Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability is asking federal political parties to state their positions on corporate accountability for Canadian companies operating abroad.

- 1** Will your party support comprehensive [mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation](#)? Such legislation requires companies to identify, prevent and remedy all human rights abuses and provides for liability when companies cause harm in their global operations (subsidiaries and supply chains).<sup>1</sup>
- 2** Will you make the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) independent, provide it with the power to compel documents and testimony, and ensure the office is well-resourced so it can effectively investigate human rights abuse allegations linked to Canadian corporations operating overseas?<sup>2</sup>

Please send your responses to [agilchristblackwood@cnca-rcrce.ca](mailto:agilchristblackwood@cnca-rcrce.ca) by no later than April 14, 2025.

<sup>1</sup> The CNCA's [model legislation](#) provides a blueprint for enshrining these obligations into law. [Over 50,000 Canadians](#) have signed a petition calling for such legislation.  
<sup>2</sup> For more information, see the CNCA's [submission](#) to the 5-year review of the CORE.