



Talking points for meeting your Member of Parliament

- Canada is home to 60% of the world's mining companies, whose activities impact citizens in over 100 countries.
- Canada's economy benefits from the extractive industry, but this income should not be generated at a cost to citizens in developing countries.
- Many communities in the Global South report that their rights are not respected and that their health and livelihoods are threatened by Canadian mining operations.
- Canada needs to ensure that all Canadian mining companies live up to internationally recognized human rights, labour and environmental standards.
- In 2009, the Office of the Extractive Sector Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Counsellor was established to resolve conflicts between affected communities and Canadian extractive sector companies outside of Canada.
- Due to a weak mandate, the CSR Counsellor has been inadequate in resolving conflicts and has not provided effective remedy to communities.
- I am concerned by the actions of Canadian mining companies operating overseas and support DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's campaign which calls for the creation of a legislated, extractive sector ombudsman mechanism in Canada that would have the capacity to:
 - Receive and investigate complaints, and assess compliance with corporate accountability standards that are based on international labour, environmental and human rights norms;
 - Make public its findings;
 - Recommend remedial actions; and
 - Recommend sanctions by the Government of Canada, such as withholding financial and political support to any company that does not comply with standards.
- I am calling on you, as my MP, to actively support this urgently needed measure, and to call on the members of your caucus for their support.
- Thousands of other members of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE are also meeting with their MPs to discuss this issue. Canadians want access to justice for communities affected by Canadian mining companies.
- I would like to know your perspective on this issue, and what steps you are taking as my MP to support the creation of an ombudsman's office. I will be following up with you to find out more about your efforts on this matter.