

# CANADA: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT MUST NOT BE SACRIFICED IN FREE TRADE DEAL



To: **Maninder Sidhu, Minister for International Trade**

We are concerned that Canada is finalizing a free trade agreement with Ecuador aimed at increasing Canadian mining investment, amid protests by communities already suffering negative impacts of Canadian projects on their rights and the environment.

We call on you to uphold Canada’s human rights obligations and:

- Guarantee that no trade agreement advances without meaningful consultation with all affected Indigenous Peoples in Ecuador, and without their free, prior and informed consent.
- Remove investor-State dispute settlement provisions that have catastrophic consequences for human rights and the environment and ensure independent human rights impact assessments, in line with United Nations guidelines.
- Ensure mandatory human rights and environment due diligence enshrined in law and access to remedy.

Yours sincerely,

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