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I am writing as a private citizen to express my support for Feminist Foreign Policy for Canada. It gives me immense pride that my government has embraced feminism as the foundational principle for international engagement. I would further offer that any Feminist Foreign Policy that ignores corporate accountability would be a very weak offering to women globally. Women, girls, and vulnerable communities are often disproportionately impacted by business-related human rights abuses. Please do not let your Foreign Policy and Human Rights objectives be undermined by Canadian corporations, especially considering the Canadian Government's power to address their behaviour.

As such, I ask that the Government of Canada do the following:

- *Empower* the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE)
  - An effective CORE is mandated to independently investigate human rights abuse allegations and has the power to compel documents and testimony.
  - The CORE should publish gender-responsive investigation procedures and gender-transformative recommendations.
- *Enact* a comprehensive mandatory human rights due diligence law
  - that requires companies to prevent human rights abuse and environmental harms in their global operations and supply chains
  - that includes real consequences for failing to take all reasonable steps to prevent harm