



Water is not a commodity, but a basic right! This is what is at stake with the Canada-Ecuador Free Trade Agreement! **The economic rights of Canadian mining companies cannot be allowed to prevail over communities' rights to water and life.**



**MAUDE BARLOW**

**CANADIAN ACTIVIST AND AUTHOR,  
FOUNDER OF BLUE PLANET PROJECT,  
CO-FOUNDER OF THE COUNCIL OF CANADIANS**



Our member organizations have **called on the Canadian Government on multiple occasions** to ensure their trade negotiations with Ecuador are compatible with their international human rights obligations. **Alarminglly, they are not!**



**JESSICA FARIAS**

**CO-CHAIR OF THE AMERICAS POLICY GROUP (APG)  
NETWORK OF CANADIAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**



Canada is fast-tracking a free trade agreement in Ecuador that criminalizes those who resist mining violence. **This FTA threatens Indigenous sovereignty, accelerates environmental devastation, and expands corporate impunity.** This isn't diversification, it's recolonization.



**MIN SOOK LEE**

**DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER, SCREENWRITER,  
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Prime Minister Carney says the rules-based international order serves the interests of the powerful, yet his government is rapidly signing new trade and investment deals that do the same. **The Canada-Ecuador free trade agreement must be rejected as long as it privileges corporations and investors over the interests of people and the Earth.**



**PEGGY NASH**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN  
CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES (CCPA)**



We urgently call on the government to **withdraw all diplomatic and other support for Canadian resource extraction companies that violate human rights**, the rights of nature, and which operate without the consent of the affected Indigenous peoples. In a context of climate crisis and environmental collapse, we firmly reject Canadian mining in key water sources, and other ecologically sensitive areas.



**BERT BLUNDON**

**PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF PUBLIC AND  
GENERAL EMPLOYEES (NUPGE)**



I stand with mining-affected communities in Ecuador demanding that the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Ecuador be repealed. **Communities on the ground have made their message clear: NO Canada-Ecuador FTA - communities and ecosystems over profit.**



**CARMEN AGUIRRE**

**BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, ACTOR AND PLAYWRIGHT**



A Canada-Ecuador agreement must have the effective participation, access to information and access to justice of Indigenous Peoples, women, and other vulnerable groups. **No trade agreement can minimize the recognition and protection of environmental, human rights and labour standards.**



## **SALVADOR HERENCIA-CARRASCO**

**DIRECTOR, HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC, HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA**



A trade agreement that sacrifices water, land and Indigenous rights for corporate gain is not progress. The Canada–Ecuador FTA was negotiated without Indigenous consent and expands investor protections that Ecuadorians have already rejected. In a time of climate crisis and growing repression of land defenders, this deal points us in exactly the wrong direction.

**ARTURO EZQUERRO-CAÑETE**

**LATIN AMERICA PROGRAM COORDINATOR,  
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Just like what is happening right now in Ecuador, **we continue to see women leaders impacted by mining, oil and gas projects, like on Wet'suwet'en territory and across Canada. Canada needs to listen. Indigenous people in Ecuador said no to this agreement.**

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JUDY WILSON, SECWÉPEMC**

**KÚKPI7 JUDY WILSON, FORMER CHIEF FOR NESKONLITH INDIAN BAND AND FORMERLY SECRETARY TREASURER FOR UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS.**



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The deepening climate crisis is driven by exactly the same system this free trade agreement is part of: **relentless resource extraction without Indigenous consent, and the protection of corporate interests above people or ecosystems.**

**ANJALI APPADURAI**

**DIRECTOR, PADMA CENTRE FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE**



Indigenous women in Ecuador have spoken loudly and clearly about human rights violations at the hands of Canadian mining companies. This free trade agreement will exacerbate existing concerns. **Canada must listen to voices on the ground, and ensure rights are protected.**

**KETTY NIVYABANDI**

**SECRETARY-GENERAL, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CANADA**



In the midst of the climate crisis, this free trade agreement doubles down on resource extraction, and protects corporate interests above all. **Sacrificing people and ecosystems is not the path to a just transition, or a just trade relationship.** I stand with communities in Ecuador who have spoken loud and clear: **this FTA will drive more dispossession of Indigenous peoples from their territories.**

**MELINA LABOUCAN-MASSIMO**

**FOUNDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SACRED EARTH SOLAR**



In the midst of a growing global crisis, this free trade agreement doubles down on resource extraction and **Business as Usual**, once again sacrificing people and ecosystems. **We need systemic and transformative change led by Indigenous Peoples, our knowledge, rights and ways of life.** In order to achieve this, we must take collective decisive action to uphold and safeguard Indigenous Peoples' survival and the survival of the planet.

**ERIEL DERANGER**

**FOUNDER OF THE WOVEN PROJECT,  
PRESIDENT OF INDIGENOUS CLIMATE ACTION**



Despite the overwhelming demands of the Ecuadorian people and the Indigenous rights violations from the **15 EXISTING Canadian mines across Ecuador**, Canada continues to push for this Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This FTA will continue to poison waters, destroy biodiversity, and annihilate Indigenous rights. **We urge legislators to reject this FTA, and to not continue without the Free, Prior and Informed Consent of Ecuadorian Indigenous Peoples.**

**WILLO PRINCE**

**CAMPAIGN MANAGER, INDIGENOUS CLIMATE ACTION**



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Canada should stop prioritizing investor rights over human rights in free trade negotiations. ISDS provisions are unjust, undemocratic and catastrophic for the climate and environment.

**DAVID BOYD**

**PROFESSOR AT UBC, FORMER UN RAPPOREUR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENT**



**Trade that ignores Indigenous consent, gendered impacts and human rights is not diversification, it is dispossession. Canada must choose relationships rooted in justice, accountability and respect for communities, lands and sovereignty.**

**TANIA PRINCIPE**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF KAIROS: CANADIAN ECUMENICAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES**



The free trade agreement Canada is pursuing with Ecuador is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It opens even more doors with less guardrails to Canadian mining companies who have a terrible record in the Amazon. Carney needs to consult with and listen to Indigenous people and impacted communities before he makes a big problem even bigger.

**TZEPORAH BERMAN**

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT STAND.EARTH,  
CHAIR OF THE FOSSIL FUEL TREATY INITIATIVE**



Everything about both the process and substance of the FTA between Canada and Ecuador ignores, undermines and violates binding international human rights obligations, including crucial standards that protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples. This cannot go ahead. **No people should ever be expected to trade away their human rights.**

**ALEX NEVE**

**PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW,  
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Ecuadorians have **repeatedly stated their opposition** to excessive investor protections in trade agreements that prioritize international business interests over human rights and environmental safeguards. **The Canadian government needs to listen to the people, not just investors, and change course now.**

**CAREN WEISBART**

**NATIONAL COALITION COORDINATOR, COMMON FRONTIERS**



Pursuing a free trade deal that protects corporate mining interests over human rights invites further social conflict, Indigenous rights violations, and environmental destruction. **As Canadians, we must demand better from our government.**

**JAMES YAP**

**INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER**



**The Canada–Ecuador Free Trade Agreement undermines the regenerative, just futures communities want and deserve. Environmental governance must centre Indigenous sovereignty, FPIC, ecological knowledge, and meaningful accountability for corporate harm. Collective wellbeing depends on systems rooted in interdependence, transparency, and community power over extraction.**

**SHEILA SAMPATH**

**HEAD OF NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY, GREENPEACE CANADA**



Canadian mining and oil companies in Ecuador are linked to serious human rights violations, including poisoning freshwater sources and trampling Indigenous rights. Ecuadorian communities have spoken loudly and clearly: this free trade agreement will exacerbate existing concerns. Canada must listen and ensure rights are protected.



**AIDAN GILCHRIST-BLACKWOOD**

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