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Barrick Comments on Creation of Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise

At Barrick, we partner with host governments and communities to transform their natural resources into sustainable benefits and mutual prosperity. Relationships built on trust and respect are at the heart of our ability to operate successfully—relationships with host communities and governments, civil society, industry peers, our employees, and others.

[Accountability and respect for human rights](#) are central to our values as a Company, and are enshrined in [robust policies and procedures](#) that apply to all of our operations around the world. In addition, Canadian mining companies, including Barrick, are subject to a stringent framework of national and international standards and regulations that ensure strong accountability across the sector.

We support the [Government of Canada's announcement](#) of an additional accountability mechanism for Canadian businesses operating overseas, focused on dialogue and conflict resolution. We look forward to engaging with the ombudsperson in a transparent and constructive manner, to assure Canadians that mining activities continue to generate economic and social benefits for host communities and governments, while respecting human rights.

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