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World Economic Forum - Legal accountability for corporations needed

Speaking in Davos, Switzerland, Amnesty International's Secretary General, Irene Khan, said the time had come for international legal standards to regulate corporations.

Addressing both the World Economic Forum and the Public Eye on Davos Ms Khan stated that voluntary initiatives, while welcome, were not enough to protect human rights.

"It is the time not to weaken compliance but to strengthen it through enforceable legal accountability."

"Human rights are not a luxury for good times -- they are essential at all times."

Irene Khan's speech is available at: <http://www.web.amnesty.org/mavp/av.nsf/pages/WESF>

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