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Adoption of UN human rights Norms for companies a welcome step forward

Amnesty International today joined with a large number of NGOs in welcoming the adoption by the United Nations of the Norms on the responsibilities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises with regard to human rights. The members of the UN Subcommission adopted the Norms yesterday by unanimous vote. The UN norms and commentary set out in a comprehensive way the key human rights responsibilities of companies, creating a powerful tool for advocates and a useful checklist for those companies keen to improve their human rights performance.

Welcoming the adoption of the norms Amnesty International said today: "In an increasingly interdependent world, where poverty, war, human rights violations persist, clear international standards will help ensure that business will be part of the solution to today's problems."

The full text of the joint NGO press release is attached:



TNC Norms Press Statement Final.doc

Amnesty International has actively participated in the process of elaborating the Draft Norms and supporting the adoption with an oral intervention; please check also following website for more information:
http://web.amnesty.org/web/web.nsf/pages/ec_un_draft_norms

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