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Business and Human Rights: Amnesty International Secretary General makes case for legal regulation

As the influence of global companies grows in the world economy, and as their impact on the societies in which they work deepens, they have a responsibility to ensure that they contribute positively to the societies in which they operate.

Amnesty International's Secretary General, Irene Khan, will make the case for corporate social responsibility to move beyond voluntarism into legal regulation.

Ms Khan will speak at the 2003 Business and Human Rights Seminar: "Leadership, Governance and Human Rights" on 9 December, at Jerwood Hall, LSO St Luke's, London EC1V. She will take part in the second panel "The United Nations Norms on Business and Human Rights" at 2pm.

She will call for accountability to mean more than well-produced and sleek social and environmental reports; to mainstreaming human rights, labour rights, and environmental concerns throughout the operations. A legal framework would support, not supplant, such efforts.

For more information about the conference, please visit: <http://www.respecteurope.com/bhr.html>.

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