

THE HUMAN RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES OF ARMS COMPANIES

APPLYING THE UNGPs TO THE DEFENCE SECTOR

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The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), have established a clear global consensus that companies have a responsibility to respect all human rights wherever they operate. Under the UNGPs, corporates operating in the defence industry have responsibilities to conduct robust human rights due diligence before, during and after weapons transfers; and take action to address human rights risks and abuses, including through mitigation and remediation. These responsibilities exist over and above compliance with national laws and regulations – such as state arms licensing processes – which aim to protect human rights.

- **Patrick Wilcken** (Amnesty International) will introduce this theme, examining the gaps in leading defence companies' existing human rights policies and procedures.
- **Aymeric Elluin** (Amnesty International France) will present a concrete case study – the export of armoured vehicles from France to Egypt – looking at the role of the supplier company and the human rights impacts of its products and services.
- **Dr Tara Van Ho** (University of Essex) will explore the rights of victims to receive remedies and the need for clearer and more accessible processes to ensure this.

Tuesday, 27 August
Room 6

13:00 -15:00

- *Join us for a light lunch outside Room 6 from 12:00*
- *Presentations will be followed by a Q and A*