



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is pleased to invite you to a

SIDE EVENT

in the margins of the Convention on Conventional Weapons on

The Way Forward

Why a Ban on Fully Autonomous Weapons Is Needed Now

Thursday, 15 December 2016

13:15-14:30

Conference Room XXIV

UN Palais des Nations, Geneva

Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided

Speakers

- Ms. Jody Williams, **Nobel Peace Laureate**
- Prof. Toby Walsh, **University of New South Wales**
- Ms. Miriam Struyk, **PAX**
- **World Council of Churches** (TBA)

Moderator

- Dr. Frank Sauer, **International Committee for Robot Arms Control**

This side event briefing by the **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots** will consider why a ban on fully autonomous weapons is needed now and how to get one, including via the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW), where states will decide on December 16 about progressing next year in their deliberations on lethal autonomous weapons systems.

For more information, follow **@BanKillerRobots**, see www.stopkillerrobots.org or contact:

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Convention on Conventional Weapons Briefing on Fully Autonomous Weapons

United Nations Geneva

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Jody Williams, Nobel Women's Initiative

Ms. Williams received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 together with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines for their central role in establishing the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty. Williams chairs the Nobel Women's Initiative, which she founded in 2006 together with five of her sister Nobel Peace Laureates, and which is a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Williams and more than 20 other Nobel Peace Laureates issued a [joint statement](#) in May 2014 endorsing the call for a preemptive ban on fully autonomous weapons. Subsequent annual gatherings of the Nobel Peace Laureates have reiterated that call in their statements.

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Toby Walsh, University of New South Wales

Professor Walsh is a professor in artificial intelligence at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. He has served as scientific director of [NICTA](#), Australia's research centre for Information and communications technology ICT research. Walsh helped draft and publicize the July 2015 [open letter](#) calling from artificial intelligence and robotics experts calling for a ban on autonomous weapons. He chairs the international committee of the executive council of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence ([AAAI](#)) and is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. [@TobyWalsh](#)

Miriam Struyk, PAX

Ms. Struyk is program director for security and disarmament at [PAX](#) (formerly IKV Pax Christi), a Dutch peace organization that is a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. PAX released the campaign's first [short animated film](#) in together with a 32-page [report](#) detailing its objections to killer robots. It collected more than 120 signatures on an [interfaith statement](#) supporting the call for a preemptive ban on fully autonomous weapons.

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Frank Sauer, International Committee for Robot Arms Control

Dr. Sauer is a senior research fellow and lecturer at Bundeswehr University in Munich, Germany. He is a member of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control, a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. He authored an October 2016 article published by the Washington, DC-based Arms Control Association on the Convention on Conventional Weapons process to address lethal autonomous weapons systems. [@icracnet](#)

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