

Human Rights Council Side Event

Civil society views on the new UN report on lethal autonomous robotics

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14.00-15.30

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The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, a new global coalition launched in April 2013, seeks a ban on weapons systems that would be able to select targets and use lethal force without human intervention. The campaign welcomes the new report on lethal autonomous robotics by Professor Christof Heyns, UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. At this briefing, campaign representatives will discuss its view on the report, including expectations for government action.

Chaired by Ms. Beatrice Fihn, Project Manager at Reaching Critical Will, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Speakers:

- Mr. Steve Goose, Executive Director of the Arms Division, Human Rights Watch
- Dr. Peter Asaro, Vice-Chair of the International Committee on Robot Arms Control

This side event is being held by the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, which is led by a Steering Committee comprised of the following non-governmental organizations: Human Rights Watch (coordinator), Article 36, Association for Aid and Relief Japan, International Committee for Robot Arms Control, Mines Action Canada, Nobel Women's Initiative, IKV Pax Christi, Pugwash Conferences on Science & World Affairs, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

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