



# 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

***Fully autonomous weapons are not “inevitable”***  
*A preemptive ban can be achieved now if we work together*

**Friday, 17 April**

13:00-14:30

Conference Room XXIII  
UN Palais des Nations, Geneva

*Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided*

Featuring:

- Mr. Steve Goose, Human Rights Watch
- Prof. Noel Sharkey, International Committee for Robot Arms Control
- Mr. Paul Hannon, Mines Action Canada
- Ms. Ray Acheson, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Moderated by Mr. Camilo Serna, SEHLAC

This briefing will look at how an international ban can be created if nations cooperate with all relevant actors, including civil society, in addressing key issues raised in the CCW process and move swiftly to negotiate new law. It will review the common ground and main points of convergence from the week-long 2015 CCW experts meeting on lethal autonomous weapons systems. The briefing will consider the pertinent example provided by CCW Protocol IV banning blinding lasers and other processes for efforts to preemptively ban fully autonomous weapons. Finally, the briefing will look at how to build on the momentum gained and take the process to address fully autonomous weapons forward at the CCW, Human Rights Council, and in other fora, making use of every available opportunity.

No RSVP required. For more information, please see: [www.stopkillerrobots.org](http://www.stopkillerrobots.org) or contact Ms. Mary Wareham at: Tel. (646) 203-8292, [wareham@hrw.org](mailto:wareham@hrw.org)

## Biographies of Speakers

### **Mr. Steve Goose, Human Rights Watch**

Mr. Steve Goose is executive director of the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch. Goose and Human Rights Watch were instrumental in bringing about the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions, the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty, and the CCW's 1995 protocol banning blinding lasers and 2003 protocol on explosive remnants of war. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch in 1993, Mr. Goose worked as a staff member of the House Appropriations Committee and as a researcher for the Center for Defense Information. @SteveDGoose @hrw

### **Prof. Noel Sharkey, International Committee for Robot Arms Control**

Noel Sharkey is Emeritus Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics at the University of Sheffield. He is also co-founder and chair of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC), a group of experts concerned with the pressing dangers that military robots pose to peace and international security. Professor Sharkey is a journal editor and has written more than 150 academic articles and books on relevant areas of robotics, psychology, computer science and machine learning. Sharkey spoke at the first CCW meeting on lethal autonomous weapons systems in May 2014. @StopTheRobotWar @icracnet

### **Mr. Paul Hannon, Mines Action Canada**

Mr. Hannon the executive director of [Mines Action Canada](#) (MAC), a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, and has 15 years of collective experience in the Canadian development sector. Mines Action Canada (MAC) is a nation-wide coalition of more than 35 Canadian non-governmental organizations that came together in 1994. @MinesActionCan @PCHannon

### **Ms. Ray Acheson, WILPF Reaching Critical Will**

Ms. Ray Acheson directs Reaching Critical Will, a project of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom ([WILPF](#)), a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. WILPF is the oldest women's peace organization in the world; it turns 100 years old in April 2015. @achesonray @WILPF @RCW\_

### **Mr. Camilo Serna, SEHLAC**

Mr. Camilo Serna Villegas is a co-founders of the Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas (CCCM), the Colombian wing of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), and serves as its operations coordinator. CCCM is a member of the regional NGO network Seguridad Humana en Latinoamerica y el Caribe ([SEHLAC](#)), a member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Created in 2008, SEHLAC coordinates NGO actions to address armed violence and humanitarian issues affecting Latin America and the Caribbean. [@SehlaOrg](#)

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