



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

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Ms. Angela Kane
United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
Office of Disarmament Affairs
Room S-3175, United Nations
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Via email

Dear Ms. Kane,

I am writing on behalf of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots to express regret that you are stepping down as United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and convey our deep appreciation to you for your leading efforts to address the issue of the emerging technology of fully autonomous weapons systems, also known as lethal autonomous weapons systems.

It has been a pleasure to engage with you and your team on this matter since 2012. We were pleased to see the remarks by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs at the first Human Rights Council debate on lethal autonomous robots on 30 May 2013. Your 15 July 2013 *Huffington Post* article and other statements on fully autonomous weapons have helped explain the concerns and underscore the need for multilateral deliberations on the subject and new global standards.


We have enjoyed excellent cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) support unit in Geneva with respect to the first multilateral meeting on lethal autonomous weapons systems held in May 2014 and next month's follow-up meeting.

Together with other campaign representatives, I was pleased to meet with you in Maputo in June 2014 and again in New York last October to discuss the need for greater gender diversity in the CCW process and UN disarmament processes more generally. We appreciate your support on this matter and are glad to see several women experts now confirmed to speak at the 2015 CCW experts meeting.

We also appreciate the priority that the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters has attached to the topic on fully autonomous weapons as well as the ongoing contributions of the UN Institute for Disarmament Research.

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots hopes that your successor will address concerns over fully autonomous weapons with the same high level of engagement and interest that you have done.

With our very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Wareham', with a stylized, cursive script.

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