



# CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

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Dear Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots to warmly welcome your appointment as the new foreign secretary of Pakistan, which we note is historic as you are the first woman to hold this important position. We would like to express our sincere thanks to you and your team for your work as president of the Fifth Review Conference of the Convention on Conventional Weapons held at the United Nations in Geneva last December 2016.

It was a pleasure and privilege to cooperate with you throughout 2016 on preparations for the CCW Review Conference and we appreciate the time that you spent meeting with us as well as being interviewed for our brief film. We are grateful to you for addressing our side event briefing for delegates attending UN General Assembly First Committee on Disarmament and International Security in New York last October.

The main achievement of the CCW's Fifth Review Conference was the establishment of a Group of Governmental Experts to take forward the deliberations on lethal autonomous weapons systems. This consensus decision would not have been possible without your diligent preparations and dedicated outreach. We hope that with the GGE, states can now move swiftly to lay the groundwork necessary to negotiate a new CCW protocol banning these weapons.

We commend Pakistan's staunch support of the call to prohibit lethal autonomous weapons systems as soon as possible. This objective continues to pick up support and we were heartened to see the number of states endorsing the call for a ban double during 2016, from nine to the current group of 19. We encourage Pakistan to work with these like-minded states to identify opportunities at the CCW and elsewhere to pursue the negotiation of a legally-binding instrument prohibiting lethal autonomous weapons systems.

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots looks forward to continued cooperation with Pakistan at the national level, and via the CCW and other international processes, as we pursue our common objective of a preemptive ban on lethal autonomous weapons systems. We stand ready to meet and discuss this important topic at any time.

Our very best wishes to you in your new position as foreign secretary.

Sincerely,

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

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