



**CAMPAIGN TO STOP
KILLER ROBOTS**

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First Committee on Disarmament & International Security

SIDE EVENT BRIEFING

Pathways to Banning Fully Autonomous Weapons

Monday, 16 October 2017
13:15-14:45

Conference Room VIII
United Nations
New York

Introduction

- Ambassador Juan Sandoval Mendiola, **Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations**

Speakers

- Prof. Noel Sharkey, **International Committee for Robot Arms Control**
- Ms. Bonnie Docherty, **Human Rights Watch**
- Mr. Camilo Serna, **Seguridad Humana en Latinoamerica y el Caribe (SEHLAC)**

Moderator

- Ms. Mary Wareham, **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots**

The **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots** is a global coalition of more than 65 non-governmental organizations working to preemptively ban weapons systems that would select targets and use force without meaningful human control. This side event will consider the rationale for prohibiting lethal autonomous weapons systems, also known as fully autonomous weapons, and pathways to concluding a new international treaty.

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Biographies of Speakers

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Juan-Sandoval Mendiola, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico

Ambassador Juan Sandoval-Mendiola is Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN in New York. A career diplomat with a law degree from Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City, Ambassador Sandoval-Mendiola led the negotiations to admit Mexico to the international export control regimes (Wassenaar Arrangement, Australia Group and Nuclear Suppliers Group). In 2013-2015, he played a leading role in the National Interagency Task Team for the returning of Mexico as troops contributor to the UN Peace Keeping Operations.

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Noel Sharkey, International Committee for Robot Arms Control

Prof. 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. [@NoelSharkey](#) [@StopTheRobotWar](#) [@icracnet](#)

Ms. Bonnie Docherty, Human Rights Watch

Ms. Docherty is a lecturer on law and the associate director of armed conflict and civilian protection at Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic and senior researcher in the Arms Division at Human Rights Watch. Docherty's November 2012 *Losing Humanity* report has been credited with sparking the international debate on fully autonomous weapons. She is the author of every HRW report on fully autonomous weapons, including a 2015 report on accountability concerns and a 2014 report on the human rights law implications. [@hrw](#)

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Camilo Serna, SEHLAC

Mr. Camilo Serna Villegas is a co-founder 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), which is a steering committee member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Since 2008, SEHLAC has coordinated NGO actions to address armed violence and humanitarian issues affecting Latin America and the Caribbean. [@COL_SIN_MINAS](#) [@SehlaOrg](#)

Ms. Mary Wareham, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

Ms. Mary Wareham has coordinated the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots since its inception in October 2012. She is advocacy director of the arms division of Human Rights Watch and has played a central role in the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munition Coalition, the civil society engines behind the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty and 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. [@marywareham](#) [@bankillerrobots](#) [@hrw](#)