



# CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

United Nations General Assembly  
First Committee on Disarmament & International Security

## SIDE EVENT

### “Addressing Concerns Over Fully Autonomous Weapons”

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

13:00-14:30

Conference Room A  
United Nations  
New York

*Welcome by:*

Ambassador Vladimir Drobnyak, permanent representative of the Republic of **Croatia** to the United Nations in New York

*Moderated by:*

Ms. Mary Wareham, **Human Rights Watch**, coordinator of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

*Speakers:*

- Ms. Jody Williams, 1997 Nobel Peace laureate and chair **Nobel Women’s Initiative**
- Mr. Ryan Gariepy, chief technology officer, **Clearpath Robotics**
- Ms. Miriam Struyk, program manager, **PAX** (formerly IKV Pax Christi)

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is a global coalition of more than 50 non-governmental organizations working for a preemptive ban on weapons systems that would select targets and use force without meaningful human control. This side event will look at actions by governments, non-governmental organizations, and commercial companies to address the concerns raised over fully autonomous weapons, also known as “lethal autonomous weapons systems” or killer robots.

For more information, see the Reaching Critical Will 2014 Briefing Book entry: <http://bit.ly/1qNkMBv> or our website: [www.stopkillerrobots.org](http://www.stopkillerrobots.org)

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## Brief biographies of speakers

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### **Ambassador Vladimir Drobnyak, Permanent Mission of Croatia**

Since 2013, Ambassador Drobnyak has served as the Republic of **Croatia's** permanent representative to the United Nations in New York. Before joining the Croatian foreign service in 1992, Ambassador Drobnyak worked as a journalist and received his JD from the University of Zagreb's School of Law.

### **Ms. Jody Williams, 1997 Nobel Peace laureate, Nobel Women's Initiative**

Ms. Williams and the **International Campaign to Ban Landmines** were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for their central role in the establishment of the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty. Ms. Williams chairs the **Nobel Women's Initiative**, a founding member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Her memoir entitled **My Name is Jody Williams** was published in 2013. Ms. Williams and twenty fellow Nobel Peace laureates issued a **statement** in May 2014 elaborating their concerns over fully autonomous weapons and endorsing the call for a preemptive ban. [@JodyWilliams97](#) [@NobelWomen](#)

### **Mr. Ryan Gariepy, Clearpath Robotics**

In 2009, Mr. Gariepy and three other University of Waterloo mechatronics engineering graduates founded Clearpath Robotics. Based in Kitchener, Ontario outside Toronto, the company has since grown into a multi-million dollar operation with clients including the Canadian and US defense departments. Clearpath Robotics issued a **statement** in August 2014 pledging not to develop or manufacture weaponized robots that remove humans from the loop, making it the first company worldwide to endorse the call for a ban. Mr. Gariepy serves as the company's chief technology officer and drafted the statement on killer robots. [@clearpathrobots](#)

### **Ms. Miriam Struyk, PAX (formerly IKV Pax Christi)**

Ms. Struyk is program director for security and disarmament at **PAX** (formerly IKV Pax Christi), a Dutch peace organization that works on a range of humanitarian disarmament issues. In February 2014, **PAX** released the first **short animated film** in support of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots and a 32-page **report** detailing ethical, legal, and other objections to the notion of killer robots. **PAX** is currently collecting signatures on an interfaith statement in support of the campaign's call for a preemptive ban on fully autonomous weapons. [@MiriamStruyk](#) [@PAXvoorvrede](#)

### **Ms. Mary Wareham, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots/Human Rights Watch**

Ms. Wareham has served as coordinator of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots since its inception in October 2012, when she was appointed advocacy director of the Arms Division of **Human Rights Watch** after serving with the organization in some capacity since 1998. Ms. Wareham was centrally involved in the processes that created the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions and 1997 Mine Ban Treaty. She directed and produced an award-winning documentary feature film entitled *Disarm* (2006). [@BanKillerRobots](#) [@hrw](#) [@marywareham](#)

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