



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

Convention on Conventional Weapons

SIDE EVENT

“Addressing Concerns Over Fully Autonomous Weapons”

Thursday, 13 November 2014

14:00-15:00

Please note the new start time

Conference Room XXIV
United Nations Palais des Nations
Geneva

Moderated by:

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

Speakers:

- Mr. José Henríquez, Secretary General, **Pax Christi International**
- Prof. Noel Sharkey, Chair, **International Committee for Robot Arms Control**
- Ms. Laura Boillot, Project Manager, **Article 36**

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is a global coalition comprised of these and 50 other 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 that can be taken to address concerns raised over fully autonomous weapons, also known as “lethal autonomous weapons systems” or killer robots.

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Biographies of speakers

CCW Side Event on Fully Autonomous Weapons
Room XXIV, United Nations Geneva
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Mr. José Henríquez, Secretary General, Pax Christi International

Since 2012, Mr. José Henríquez has served as secretary general of Pax Christi International, a network of more than 115 national organizations and local peace groups that is a member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Pax Christi International has been collecting signatures from religious leaders on the interfaith **declaration** against autonomous weapons systems in an initiative coordinated by its Dutch affiliate PAX. Born in El Salvador, Mr. Henríquez now lives in Brussels, where Pax Christi is headquartered. [@PaxChristi_Int](#) [@PAXforpeace](#)

Prof. Noel Sharkey, Chair, 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. [@StopTheRobotWar](#) [@icracnet](#)

Ms. Laura Boillot, Project Manager, Article 36

Ms. Laura Boillot is project manager of Article 36 and former director of the Cluster Munition Coalition. She can speak about civil society expectations of UK policy and practice on fully autonomous weapons as well as the concept of meaningful human control. Ms. Boillot has led Article 36's work to establish a pledge signed by more than 50 men committing not participate in all-male panel discussions on disarmament and security topics: <http://manpanels.org/>. She is joined at the CCW meeting by Article 36 director Mr. Thomas Nash. [@lauraboillot](#) [@Article36](#)

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 late 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). [@marywareham](#) [@hrw](#) [@BanKillerRobots](#)

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