



CAMPAIGN TO STOP KILLER ROBOTS

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is pleased to invite you to a

SIDE EVENT

in the margins of the Convention on Conventional Weapons on

Time for Swift Action

Meaningful human control and the call to ban fully autonomous weapons

Monday, 13 April

13:00-14:30

Conference Room XXIV
UN Palais des Nations, Geneva

Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided

Featuring:

- Ms. Jody Williams, Nobel Peace Laureate
- Mr. Thomas Nash, Article 36
- Ms. Bonnie Docherty, Human Rights Watch
- Ms. Mary Wareham, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

Moderated by Mr. Ayman Sorour, Protection.

This briefing will look at why existing international law must be strengthened to preemptively ban the development, production, and use of fully autonomous weapons. It will consider how the principle of meaningful human control can form a starting point for approaching the multiple questions raised by these weapons. The insurmountable legal and practical obstacles with holding someone—the commander, operator, programmer, manufacturer—accountable for unforeseeable, unlawful acts committed by fully autonomous weapons will also be addressed. Finally, the briefing will look at why national policy is essential to ensure an adequate and swift response to the concerns raised by fully autonomous weapons.

No RSVP required. For more information, please see: www.stopkillerrobots.org or contact Ms. Mary Wareham at: Tel. (646) 203-8292, wareham@hrw.org

Biographies of Speakers

Ms. Jody Williams, Nobel Women's Initiative

Ms. Williams received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 together with the [International Campaign to Ban Landmines](#) for their central role in establishing the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty. Williams chairs the [Nobel Women's Initiative](#), which she founded in 2006 together with five of her sister Nobel Peace laureates. In 2013, the University of California Press published her memoir entitled [My Name is Jody Williams](#). Williams and more than 20 of her fellow Nobel Peace laureates have issued a [joint statement](#) endorsing the call for a preemptive ban on fully autonomous weapons. @JodyWilliams97 [@NobelWomen](#) (Spanish)

Mr. Thomas Nash, Article 36

Mr. Thomas Nash is director of Article 36 and joint coordinator of the International Network on Explosive Weapons. As Cluster Munition Coalition coordinator from 2004 to 2011, he helped secure the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. In 2014, Article 36 launched a pledge since signed by more than 50 individuals committing not participate in all-male panels on disarmament and security topics. @nashthomas @Article36 (French, Spanish)

Ms. Bonnie Docherty, Human Rights Watch

Ms. Bonnie Docherty is a lecturer on law and senior clinical instructor at the International Human Rights Clinic at Harvard Law School and part-time senior researcher in the Arms Division at Human Rights Watch. Docherty's 2012 "Losing Humanity" report has been credited with initiating the international debate on fully autonomous weapons. She is the author of a new report on accountability concerns as well as a 2014 report on the human rights law implications. @hrw @HmnRightsProgram

Ms. Mary Wareham, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

Mary Wareham is advocacy director of the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch and serves as global coordinator of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. She was centrally involved in the processes that created the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Mine Ban Treaty and has worked to ensure their universalization as well as compliance. @marywareham @hrw @BanKillerRobots

Mr. Ayman Sorour, Protection

Mr. Ayman Sorour is executive director of Protection of Armaments and Consequences, a humanitarian disarmament NGO working in the Middle East and North Africa and member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. Sorour holds a Bachelor of Arts in law from Cairo University, is registered with the Egyptian Bar and is a member of the Arab Lawyers Union. @ayman_sorour (Arabic, French)

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