



# CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW)

## SIDE EVENT BRIEFING

### The Way Forward to a Ban on Fully Autonomous Weapons

**Wednesday, 22 November 2017**

13:15-14:45

**Conference Room XXIV**

United Nations

Geneva

Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided

#### *Speakers*

- Ms. Jody Williams, **Nobel Peace Laureate & Nobel Women's Initiative**
- Prof. Noel Sharkey, **International Committee for Robot Arms Control**
- Mr. Steve Goose, **Human Rights Watch**

#### *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. At this briefing for Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) delegates, the campaign will provide its assessment of the first meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on lethal autonomous weapons systems, also known as fully autonomous weapons, and provide its views on how to achieve a preemptive ban.

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## Biographies of Speakers

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#### **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. 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](#)

#### **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 200 academic articles and books on relevant areas of robotics, psychology, computer science and machine learning. Sharkey spoke at the first CCW meeting on lethal autonomous weapons systems in May 2014. [@NoelSharkey](#) [@StopTheRobotWar](#) [@icracnet](#)

#### **Mr. Steve Goose, Human Rights Watch**

Mr. Steve Goose is executive director of the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch. Goose and Human Rights Watch were instrumental in bringing about the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions, the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty, and the CCW's 1995 protocol banning blinding lasers and 2003 protocol on explosive remnants of war. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch in 1993, Mr. Goose worked as a staff member of the House Appropriations Committee and as a researcher for the Center for Defense Information. [@SteveDGoose](#) [@hrw](#)

#### **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 also 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](#)