



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

Convention on Conventional Weapons

SIDE EVENT BRIEFING

Human Interaction and Control of Weapons Systems

Wednesday, 11 April 2018
13:00-14:30

Conference Room XXIII
United Nations Geneva

Sandwiches & refreshments will be provided.

Guest Speaker

- Mr. Paul Scharre, [Center for a New American Security](#)

Speakers

- Ms. Bonnie Docherty, [Human Rights Watch](#)
- Prof. Noel Sharkey, [International Committee for Robot Arms Control](#)
- Ms. Rasha Abdul Rahim, [Amnesty International](#)

Moderator

- Mr. Ayman Sorour, [Protection](#)

The [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#) works to preemptively ban weapons systems that would select targets and use force without meaningful human control. At this briefing for delegates to the second meeting of the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) Group of Governmental Experts on lethal autonomous weapons systems, campaign members will discuss the concept of human-machine interaction and how to retain human control of weapons systems and individual attacks in all circumstances.

- For more information see www.stopkillerrobots.org or contact: Mary Wareham, Tel. +1-646-203-8292 (mobile), wareham@hrw.org

Biographies of Speakers

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Guest Speaker

Paul Scharre, Center for New American Security

Paul Scharre is a senior fellow and Director of the Technology and National Security Program at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) and executive director a new Task Force on Artificial Intelligence and National Security convened by CNAS. He is author of *Army of None: Autonomous Weapons and the Future of War* published on 24 April 2018. Scharre formerly worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he led the team that drafted the DOD Directive 3000.09 on autonomy in weapon systems. Scharre served in the Army's 75th Ranger Regiment with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. [@paul_scharre](#) [@CNAStech](#)

Campaign Representatives

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Ms. Docherty is a lecturer on law and directs the new Armed Conflict and Civilian Protection Initiative at Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic. She is also a senior researcher in the Arms Division at Human Rights Watch, where she has authored all of the organization's publications on fully autonomous weapons since the first report in 2012. [@HmnRightsProgram](#) [@harvard_accpi](#) [@hrw](#)

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) and the Foundation for Responsible Robotics. Prof. Sharkey is a journal editor who has written hundreds of academic articles on robotics, psychology, computer science and machine learning. [@NoelSharkey](#) [@StopTheRobotWar](#) [@icracnet](#)

Rasha Abdul-Rahim, Amnesty International

Ms. Abdul-Rahim is an advocate/adviser in the arms control, security trade and human rights team at Amnesty International's international secretariat in London and a member of Amnesty's newly-created technology and human rights team. She was centrally involved in the campaign to secure the 2013 Arms Trade Treaty. She holds a BA from the University of Cambridge and a MA in International Relations and Diplomacy from SOAS in London. [@Rasha_Abdul](#) [@amnestyonline](#)

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 leadership of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, 1997 Nobel Peace Laureate, and Cluster Munition Coalition. He 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](#)