

Convention on Conventional Weapons

## SIDE EVENT BRIEFING

# **Defining Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems**

Monday, 9 April 2018 13:00-14:30

Conference Room XXIII United Nations Geneva

Sandwiches & refreshments will be provided.

#### Guest Speaker

• Mr. Johan H. Andresen, Norwegian Council on Ethics

#### **Speakers**

- Mr. Richard Moyes, Article 36
- Ms. Allison Pytlak, WILPF
- Dr. Peter Asaro, International Committee for Robot Arms Control

#### Moderator

• Ms. Miriam Struyk, PAX

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 ways to define these weapons systems and retain human control.

For more information see <a href="www.stopkillerrobots.org">www.stopkillerrobots.org</a> or contact: Mary Wareham, Tel. +1-646-203-8292 (mobile), <a href="wareham@hrw.org">wareham@hrw.org</a>

## **Biographies of Speakers**

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Guest Speaker

#### Johan H. Andresen, Norwegian Council on Ethics

Mr. Johan Henrik Andresen chairs the Council on Ethics of the trillion-dollar Norwegian Government Pension Fund Global, which is considering screening investments in companies that could be involved in the potential development of fully autonomous weapons systems. Following past council recommendations, the Fund does not invest in companies involved in the manufacture of landmines, cluster munitions, nuclear weapons, or weapons covered by the framework of Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) protocols on non-detectable fragments, incendiary weapons, and blinding laser weapons. Andresen is the owner and chair of Ferd, one of the largest privately held companies in Norway. @FerdOwner

Campaign Representatives

### Richard Moyes, Article 36

Mr. Moyes is Managing Director of Article 36 and an honorary fellow at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom. He played a central role in creating the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. @rimoyes @article36

## Allison Pytlak, Women's International Committee for Peace and Freedom

Ms. Pytlak is the Programme Manager of WILPF's indispensable Reaching Critical Will programme at the oldest women's peace organization in the world. She conducts research into cyber repression for the Niskanen Center and previously worked for the Control Arms campaign. @a\_pytlak @WILPF @RCW\_ @NiskanenCenter

#### Peter Asaro, International Committee for Robot Arms Control

Dr. Asaro is vice-chair of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC) and a philosopher of technology who has worked in artificial intelligence, neural networks, natural language processing and robot vision research. Asaro is Associate Professor in the School of Media Studies at The New School in New York City and an affiliate scholar of the Stanford Law School's Center for Internet and Society. @PeterAsaro @icracnet

### Miriam Struyk, PAX

Ms. Miriam Struyk is Programs Director at PAX, a Dutch peace organization that operates in 14 conflict areas and works on thematic issues such as humanitarian disarmament. PAX has founded numerous international disarmament campaigns, including the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. @miriamstruyk @PAXvoorvrede