



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

Country Views on Killer Robots
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The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots monitors the positions of countries on the call to ban fully autonomous weapons.

Who wants to ban killer robots?

Twenty-six countries are calling for a prohibition on fully autonomous weapons:

Alphabetical order

1. Algeria
2. Argentina
3. Austria
4. Bolivia
5. Brazil
6. Chile
7. China*
8. Colombia
9. Costa Rica
10. Cuba
11. Djibouti
12. Ecuador
13. Egypt
14. Ghana
15. Guatemala
16. Holy See
17. Iraq
18. Mexico
19. Nicaragua
20. Pakistan
21. Panama
22. Peru
23. State of Palestine
24. Uganda
25. Venezuela
26. Zimbabwe

Chronological order

1. Pakistan on [30 May 2013](#)
2. Ecuador on [13 May 2014](#)
3. Egypt on [13 May 2014](#)
4. Holy See on [13 May 2014](#)
5. Cuba on [16 May 2014](#)
6. Ghana on [16 April 2015](#)
7. Bolivia on 17 April 2015
8. State of Palestine on 13 November 2015
9. Zimbabwe on [12 November 2015](#)
10. Algeria on [11 April 2016](#)
11. Costa Rica on [11 April 2016](#)
12. Mexico on [13 April 2016](#)
13. Chile on [14 April 2016](#)
14. Nicaragua on 14 April 2016
15. Panama on 12 December 2016
16. Peru on 12 December 2016
17. Argentina on 12 December 2016
18. Venezuela on 13 December 2016
19. Guatemala on 13 December 2016
20. Brazil on 13 November 2017
21. Iraq on 13 November 2017
22. Uganda on 17 November 2017
23. Austria on 9 April 2018
24. China* on 13 April 2018
25. Djibouti on 13 April 2018
26. Colombia on 13 April 2018

* China [states that its call](#) is to ban the use of fully autonomous weapons, but not their development or production.

On 9 April 2018, [a group of African states](#) recommended concluding a legally binding instrument “at the earliest” and found that “fully autonomous weapons systems or LAWS that are not under human control should be banned.”

A March 2018 [working paper by the Non-Aligned Movement](#) calls for a “legally binding international instrument stipulating prohibitions and regulations on lethal autonomous weapons systems.” The campaign invites national statements affirming support for these objectives.

Who wants to negotiate new international law on killer robots?

At least 33 states have expressed a desire to negotiate new international law—either a new treaty or CCW protocol—on fully autonomous weapons:

1. Algeria
2. Argentina
3. Austria
4. Belgium
5. Bolivia

6. Brazil
7. Chile
8. China*
9. Colombia
10. Costa Rica
11. Cuba
12. Djibouti
13. Ecuador
14. Egypt
15. El Salvador
16. Ghana
17. Guatemala
18. Holy See
19. Iraq
20. Kazakhstan
21. Liechtenstein
22. Mexico
23. Nicaragua
24. Pakistan
25. Panama
26. Peru
27. Philippines
28. Sierra Leone
29. South Africa
30. Sri Lanka
31. State of Palestine
32. Uganda
33. Venezuela
34. Zambia
35. Zimbabwe

These states are the statements by the African Group, Arab Group, and Non-Aligned Movement show how a majority of states wish to negotiate new international law on killer robots.

Who is opposed to creating new international law on killer robots?

Approximately a dozen states indicate they do not support negotiating new international law on fully autonomous weapons:

Australia
Belgium
France
Germany
Israel
Republic of Korea
Russia
Spain
Sweden

Turkey
United States
United Kingdom

Who has spoken on the topic of killer robots?

A total of 90 countries have publicly elaborated their views on lethal autonomous weapons systems in a multilateral forum since 2013: 44 states in 2013, eight in 2014, fifteen in 2015, fourteen in 2016, and three in 2017, and six in 2018.

Most states made their statements at meetings of the Convention on Conventional Weapons in Geneva and annual sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Almost two-dozen states spoke during the first debate on the topic at the Human Rights Council in Geneva in May 2013.

1. Algeria on 30 May 2013
2. Argentina on 30 May 2013
3. Australia on 14 November 2013
4. Austria on 30 May 2013
5. Bangladesh on 21 October 2016
6. Belarus on 14 November 2013
7. Belgium on 11 November 2013
8. Bolivia on 17 April 2015
9. Botswana on 27 October 2015
10. Brazil on 30 May 2013
11. Bulgaria on 23 October 2014
12. Burkina Faso on 23 October 2017
13. Cambodia on 13 November 2017
14. Cameroon on 12 December 2016
15. Canada on 11 November 2013
16. Chile on 13 April 2015
17. China on 30 May 2013
18. Colombia on 17 April 2015
19. Costa Rica on 29 October 2013
20. Croatia on 15 November 2013
21. Cuba on 30 May 2013
22. Czech Republic on 13 May 2014
23. Denmark on 13 April 2015
24. Djibouti on 13 April 2018
25. Ecuador on 29 October 2013
26. Egypt on 30 May 2013
27. El Salvador on 29 October 2018
28. Estonia on 31 August 2016
29. Finland on 22 October 2014
30. France on 30 May 2013
31. Germany on 30 May 2013
32. Ghana on 14 November 2013

33. Greece on 29 October 2013
34. Guatemala on 16 May 2014
35. Holy See on 14 November 2013
36. Hungary on 7 October 2016
37. India on 30 October 2013
38. Indonesia on 30 May 2013
39. Iran on 30 May 2013
40. Iraq on 13 November 2015
41. Ireland on 29 October 2013
42. Israel on 15 November 2013
43. Italy on 14 November 2013
44. Japan on 29 October 2013
45. Jordan on 31 August 2016
46. Kazakhstan on 13 November 2015
47. Kuwait on 26 October 2015
48. Latvia on 21 October 2016
49. Lebanon on 26 October 2015
50. Liechtenstein on 15 October 2018
51. Lithuania on 14 November 2013
52. Madagascar on 14 November 2013
53. Mali on 13 May 2014
54. Mexico on 30 May 2013
55. Moldova, Rep. on 12 December 2016
56. Montenegro on 12 December 2016
57. Morocco on 30 May 2013
58. Myanmar on 10 October 2017
59. Nepal on 11 October 2018
60. Netherlands on 29 October 2013
61. New Zealand on 30 October 2013
62. Nicaragua on 13 November 2015
63. Norway on 13 May 2014
64. Pakistan on 30 May 2013
65. Palestine on 13 November 2014
66. Panama on 12 December 2016
67. Peru on 12 December 2016
68. Philippines on 14 April 2016
69. Poland on 13 April 2015
70. Portugal on 14 October 2014
71. Romania on 26 October 2015
72. Russia on 30 May 2013
73. Sierra Leone on 30 May 2013
74. Slovakia on 12 December 2016
75. Slovenia on 12 December 2016
76. South Africa on 30 October 2013
77. South Korea on 14 November 2013
78. Spain on 11 November 2013
79. Sri Lanka on 13 April 2015
80. Sweden on 30 May 2013

81. Switzerland on 30 May 2013
82. Thailand on 29 October 2018
83. Tunisia on 17 October 2018
84. Turkey on 14 November 2013
85. Ukraine on 14 November 2013
86. United Kingdom on 30 May 2013
87. United States on 30 May 2013
88. Venezuela on 13 December 2016
89. Zambia on 17 April 2015
90. Zimbabwe on 12 November 2015