

Campaign to Stop Killer Robots comes to Berlin on 21 March 2019

Media Advisory - 7 March 2019 - The <u>Campaign to Stop Killer Robots</u> is holding a press conference in Berlin on Thursday, 21 March 2019, on the eve of a major global gathering of its campaigners from around the world.

Date & time: 21 March 2019 at 11:00 am

Location: Tagungszentrum im Haus der Bundespressekonferenz, Room No. 4, Schiffbauerdamm 40

Speakers: Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams, Roboticist Noel Sharkey, Facing Finance Director Thomas Küchenmeister, and Campaign Coordinator Mary Wareham of Human Rights Watch.

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots urges on German Government to help launch and negotiate a new treaty to prohibit killer robots. Last September, Germany's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Heiko Maas, called on states to "to ban fully autonomous weapons – before it is too late!"

These weapons systems would cross a moral line, create accountability gaps, and raise a host of other serious concerns. It's time for Germany and other states to demonstrate bold political leadership by launching negotiations on a new international treaty to prohibit weapons systems that would select and attack targets without meaningful human control.

Multimedia outlets are also invited to film and photograph a visual stunt by the campaign at the Brandenburg Gate at 9:00am on 21 March, featuring a robot and campaigners.

Media are also welcome to register to attend a <u>public event</u> by the campaign at 6:00pm on 21 March.

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