



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

Convention on Conventional Weapons annual meeting

SIDE EVENT BRIEFING

How to Ban Killer Robots, and Why It's Time

Conference Room XXI, Palais des Nations
United Nations Geneva

Wednesday, 13 November 2019
13:00-14:30

Sandwiches & refreshments will be provided.

Speakers

- Ms. Bonnie Docherty, **Human Rights Watch**
- Mr. Frank Slijper, **PAX**
- Ms. Laura Nolan, **ICRAC**
- Mr. Steve Goose, **Human Rights Watch**

Moderator

- Ms. Marta Kosmyna, **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots**

The **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots** is a coalition of 130 non-governmental organizations in 60 countries working to preemptively ban weapons systems that would select and engage without meaningful human control. This briefing will look at ethical, political, and other drivers towards launching negotiations on a new treaty and unpack possible elements for such a treaty.

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Biographies of Speakers

Ms. Bonnie Docherty, Human Rights Watch

Ms. Docherty is senior researcher in the arms division of Human Rights Watch and a lecturer on law and associate director of armed conflict and civilian protection at the International Human Rights Clinic at Harvard Law School. She has authored all their joint publications on fully autonomous weapons, most recently *Heed the Call: A Moral and Legal Imperative to Ban Killer Robots*, a 46-page report that finds that killer robots would violate what is known as the Martens Clause. [@HmnRightsProgram](#) [@harvard_accpi](#) [@hrw](#)

Mr. Frank Slijper, PAX

Mr. Slijper is a project manager at PAX, a Dutch peace organization working in more than 15 conflict areas worldwide. PAX also works to advance humanitarian disarmament, focusing on the humanitarian consequences of certain weapons. Mr. Slijper is the lead-author of ‘*Don’t Be Evil?*’ an August 2019 survey of technology companies views on the call to ban killer robots. He has authored ‘*Slippery Slope*’ a report to be released in November 2019 that explores arms manufacturers’ views on killer robots. [@FrankSlijper](#) [@PAXvoorvrede](#) [@PAXforPeace](#)

Ms. Laura Nolan, International Committee for Robot Arms Control

Ms. Nolan has been programming since she taught herself to code in the mid-1990s and has earned degrees in computer science and software engineering from Trinity College and UCD in Dublin. In 2018, Nolan left her senior engineering position at Google in protest over Project Maven, a US military project to use machine learning to sort video footage filmed by surveillance drones. She is a member of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC) and leads the Campaign’s engagement in Ireland. [@lauralifts](#) [@icracnet](#) [@ban_kr_ireland](#)

Mr. Steve Goose, Human Rights Watch

Mr. Goose is the Director of Human Rights Watch’s Arms Division, and has been instrumental in the development of key international disarmament treaties including the 2008 convention banning cluster munitions, the 1997 treaty banning antipersonnel mines, the 1995 protocol banning blinding lasers, and the 2003 protocol requiring clean-up of explosive remnants of war. He and Human Rights Watch co-founded the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), which received the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize, and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots in 2013.

Ms. Marta Kosmyna, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

Ms. Kosmyna has been a consultant for the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots since February 2019. In her role as Silicon Valley Lead, she seeks to energize the technology sector, elicit political support, and raise awareness and funds for the Campaign in the California Bay Area. Previously, she spent two and a half years as a senior associate at Human Rights Watch in Washington DC, supporting the advocacy and research of the Arms Division and Refugee Rights Program. [@martakosmyna](#) [@BanKillerRobots](#)