



# CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

## Virtual Briefing

in advance of the Convention on Conventional Weapons Group of Governmental Experts on lethal autonomous weapons systems

## A Comprehensive Response to Concerns over Killer Robots

**Thursday 29 October 2020**

14:00-15:30 CET

**Via Zoom – [Please Register Here](#)**

This briefing will share new research on concerns raised by removing human control from the use of force. Speakers will discuss the impact that killer robots would have on marginalized groups and elaborate on the elements of and precedent for a treaty that addresses these concerns and protects humanity.

### *Speakers*

- Wanda Muñoz, Victim Assistance & Humanitarian Disarmament Specialist, [SEHLAC](#)
- Mitzi Austero, Programmes Manager, [Nonviolence International Southeast Asia](#)
- Bonnie Docherty, Senior Researcher, [Human Rights Watch](#)
- Elizabeth Minor, Advisor, [Article 36](#)

### *Moderator*

- Ousman Noor, Government Relations Manager, [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#)

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## Biographies of Speakers

### **Mitzi Austero, Nonviolence International Southeast Asia**

Mitzi is a researcher on conventional weapons, arms transfers, peace processes, and local history who based in southern Philippines. Recently, she co-edited a 2020 primer by NISEA that considers developments and positions on lethal autonomous weapons systems and other emerging technologies in the Philippines and several Asian countries. [@mitziaustero](#)

### **Bonnie Docherty, Human Rights Watch**

Bonnie 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 *New Weapons, Proven Precedent: Elements of and Models for a Treaty on Killer Robots*, a 25-page report that outlines key elements for a future treaty to maintain meaningful human control over the use of force and prohibit weapons that operate without such control. [@hrw](#) [@Harvard\\_ACCPI](#)

### **Elizabeth Minor, Article 36**

Elizabeth is an Advisor at Article 36, where she focuses on research, policy analysis and advocacy in international forums. At Article 36 she covers issues including armed drones, autonomous weapons, explosive weapons in populated areas, the protection of civilians in armed conflict, the under-representation of women and lower income countries in disarmament forums, and nuclear weapons. [@elizabethminor3](#) [@Article36](#)

### **Wanda Muñoz, SEHLAC**

Wanda has been working for the inclusion of people with disabilities, assistance to victims of conflict, and humanitarian disarmament for the past fifteen years in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Wanda is a member of the Human Security Network in Latin America and the Caribbean (SEHLAC), where her current disarmament efforts focus on the disproportionate impact that autonomous weapons would have against women and marginalized groups. [@\\_wandamunoz](#) [@SehlaOrg](#)

### **Ousman Noor, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots**

Ousman joined the Campaign in September 2020 and is working to secure support and build policy coherence behind the goal of creating a new ban international treaty to retain meaningful human control over the use of force. Previously, Ousman worked for the Centre Suisse pour la Défense des Droits des Migrants in Geneva defending the rights of migrants. Before that, Noor was a Barrister in the United Kingdom, where he spent a decade representing individuals from over 40 nationalities in over 1,000 cases. [@ousmannoor](#) [@bankillerrobots](#)