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Coordination of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

Established in 2012, the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is a coalition of 172 non-governmental organizations in 65 countries working to ban fully autonomous weapons and retain meaningful human control over the use of force. A Steering Committee comprised of ten of these member organizations oversees governance and running of the global coalition.

Beginning 1 March 2021, Mary Wareham of Human Rights Watch is stepping down from her role as global coordinator of the Campaign and Human Rights Watch will no longer be host of the Campaign. Both Mary and Human Rights Watch remain fully committed to continuing their active support to the Campaign.

This period of transition provides an opportunity to grow and expand the leadership and representation from within the Campaign’s dedicated staff team and wider membership. The Campaign is embarking on a new coordination and hosting arrangement, in which:

- Ousman Noor, Government Outreach Manager at oussman@stopkillerrobots.org will be the Campaign’s primary representative and contact point for diplomats and government officials;
- Isabelle Jones, Campaign Outreach Manager at isabelle@stopkillerrobots.org will be the primary representative and contact point for the Campaign members and allies; and
- Clare Conboy, Media and Communications Manager at clare@stopkillerrobots.org will be the primary representative and contact point for media outlets and communications partners.

In terms of governance, Campaign co-founder Article 36 in the UK will provide overall coordination of the Campaign and facilitate the work of the Steering Committee. Its director Richard Moyes at richard@article36.org will provide management support to the Campaign staff team. Campaign co-founder Mines Action Canada will remain the fiscal host of the Campaign and its director Paul Hannon at paul@minesactioncanada.org will continue to serve as the Campaign’s Treasurer.

This hosting and coordination arrangement aims to avoid disruption as the Campaign scales up outreach and activities aimed at launching negotiations on an international ban treaty to retain meaningful human control over the use of force. It will ensure that Campaign staff receive uninterrupted support and guidance at this critical time. The new coordination arrangement builds on the strong foundation that Mary and Human Rights Watch have put in place.

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