Membership Procedures

Membership criteria
All interested non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are encouraged to join the global campaign to Stop Killer Robots by completing and submitting a brief application form. There are no annual or membership fees. Members must endorse and commit to work to achieve the campaign’s goal of a treaty prohibiting and regulating autonomous weapons in order to ensure meaningful human control over the use of force. All members of Stop Killer Robots are expected to be familiar with and abide by the Membership Agreement and Code of Conduct.

Endorsers
Universities and clinics, and related groups are invited to join Stop Killer Robots as an Academic Partner. Private entities, corporations, think tanks, media outlets and journalists, parliamentarians and politicians, government officials, and individuals are encouraged to endorse Stop Killer Robots’ call for a treaty prohibiting and regulating autonomous weapons, and, where appropriate, pledge not to develop or knowingly contribute to the development of fully autonomous weapons.

Membership Application Review
All membership applications are received, processed, and reviewed by Stop Killer Robots staff. The Steering Committee of Stop Killer Robots is responsible for reviewing and approving membership applications. Staff and the Steering Committee reserve the right to perform due diligence to ensure the accuracy of information provided in membership applications as well as request further information or documentation from the applying organisation.

Staff will notify applicants of the Steering Committee’s decision, and on-board new members. New members will be listed on the Stop Killer Robots website, added to the internal member listserv, announced to the coalition, and invited to connect with other members based in their country and/or region.

Staff and the Steering Committee reserve the right to refuse an organisation’s application for membership, for reasons including (but not limited to):

- Applicant does not agree to the Membership Agreement or Code of Conduct of Stop Killer Robots;
• Applicant has provided misleading information or has been untruthful in any of the required details on the application form or the documentation requested as part of the due diligence process;
• The Steering Committee believes the applicant’s past or present actions might pose a threat to the reputation and integrity of Stop Killer Robots;
• The organisation has in the past taken part in fraudulent and/or illegal activities;
• The organisation does not fulfil all of the criteria for membership listed above.

Revoking membership
Stop Killer Robots may revoke a member's membership in the event that, as determined in the sole discretion of the Stop Killer Robots Steering Committee, such member (a) violates Stop Killer Robots’ values, principles, Code of Conduct, or other guidelines referred to below; (b) ceases or fundamentally changes the nature of its operations; or (c) fundamentally changes its position with respect to fully autonomous weapons.

Grounds for revoking membership include, but are not limited to:

• Actions undertaken by a member organisation which seek to obstruct the work of Stop Killer Robots, or that pose a threat to the trust in or reputation and integrity of Stop Killer Robots through the organisation’s association with the campaign;
• Violating guidelines that may include, but are not limited to: 1) Any action that in any way might disparage or diminish the value of the Stop Killer Robots' name, logo, trademark, or service mark (the "Mark"); 2) The use of the Mark in any way materially inconsistent with the Branding Guidelines (as provided to the member and as may be updated from time to time); 3) The use of the Mark or other intellectual property of Stop Killer Robots in a manner that furthers the member's own interests rather than the objectives of the campaign to Stop Killer Robots;
• Actions taken by members that are deemed harmful or abusive to other civil society organisations or external partner organisations, other members of the campaign to Stop Killer Robots, staff, or Steering Committee Members;
• Failure to adhere to the Stop Killer Robots Membership Agreement and Code of Conduct;
• Involvement or accusation of fraudulent and/ or illegal activities, or misspending of Stop Killer Robots funds;
• An organisation no longer fulfilling the criteria for membership;
• The dissolution of a member organisation.

Withdrawing membership
Any member has the right to resign and withdraw their membership from Stop Killer Robots at any time. Receipt of notice of resignation from a member organisation should be sent in writing, by email addressed to the Campaign Outreach Manager of Stop Killer Robots.