



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

SIDE EVENT BRIEFING

Rationale for Banning Fully Autonomous Weapons

Monday, 13 November 2017
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Conference Room XXVII
United Nations Geneva

Introductory Remarks

- Prof. Toby Walsh, [University of New South Wales](#)

Speakers

- Prof. Denise Garcia, [International Committee for Robot Arms Control](#)
- Mr. Daan Kayser, [PAX](#)
- Ms. Ara Marcen Naval, [Amnesty International](#)
- Mr. Richard Moyes, [Article 36](#)

Moderator

- Ms. Mary Wareham, [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#)

The [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#) works to preemptively ban weapons systems that would select targets and use force without meaningful human control. At this briefing for delegates to the first meeting of the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) Group of Governmental Experts on lethal autonomous weapons systems, campaign members will present new publications, as follows:

- [Article 36](#) on how new international law managing the development of autonomy in critical functions of weapon systems could guide states to fulfil their obligation to conduct weapons reviews;
- [International Committee for Robot Arms Control](#) on the security implications of weapons systems that would lack meaningful human control;
- [PAX](#) on the positions of European states and need for meaningful human control of weapons systems;
- [Amnesty International](#) on the human rights imperative of banning fully weapons systems in all circumstances.

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Biographies of Speakers

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Toby Walsh, University of New South Wales

Professor Walsh is a professor in artificial intelligence at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. Walsh helped draft and publicize the August 2017 [open letter](#) from AI and robotics company founders demanding strong action to address concerns over fully autonomous weapons. He was also centrally involved in the July 2015 [open letter](#) from artificial intelligence and robotics experts calling for a ban on autonomous weapons. [@TobyWalsh](#)

Denise Garcia, International Committee for Robot Arms Control

Prof. Garcia is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and the International Affairs program at Northeastern University in Boston. She is vice-chair of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC). A native of Brazil, Garcia has researched and published widely on international law and global governance. [@DeniseGarcia100](#) [@icracnet](#)

Daan Kayser, PAX

Mr. Kayser is Programme Officer for Humanitarian Disarmament at PAX (formerly IKV Pax Christi), a Dutch peace organization working in more than 15 conflict areas and is centrally involved in global coalitions working to eradicate cluster munitions and nuclear weapons, and address harm from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, drones and from toxic remnants of war. [@DaanKayser](#) [@PAXforpeace](#)

Ara Marcen Naval, Amnesty International

Ms. Marcen Naval is an Advocate advisor on arms control, Security Trade and Human Rights in Amnesty International. She coordinated Amnesty International's work on the UN Arms Trade Treaty negotiations and most recently she has focused on policing weapons and the trade of weapons used in torture and death penalty. [@amnesty](#)

Richard Moyes, Article 36

Mr. Moyes is Managing Director of Article 36 and an honorary fellow at the University of Exeter. He played a central role in creating the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. [@rjmoyes](#) [@article36](#)

Mary Wareham, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

Ms. Wareham has coordinated the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots since its inception in October 2012. She is advocacy director of the arms division of Human Rights Watch and has contributed to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munition Coalition since their inception. [@marywareham](#) [@hrw](#)

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