



# CAMPAIGN TO STOP KILLER ROBOTS

## Steering Committee members

As of 23 April 2013

### **Human Rights Watch, [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)**

Human Rights Watch is serving as initial coordinator of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Over the past two decades, the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch has been instrumental in enhancing protections for civilians affected by conflict, leading the International Campaign to Ban Landmines that resulted in the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty and the Cluster Munition Coalition, which spurred the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. It also led the effort that resulted in the pre-emptive prohibition on blinding laser weapons in 1995. In November 2012, Human Rights Watch and Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic launched the report *Losing Humanity: The Case against Killer Robots*, the first in-depth report by a non-governmental organization on the challenges posed by fully autonomous weapons.

### **Article 36 (UK), [www.article36.org](http://www.article36.org)**

Article 36 is a UK-based not-for-profit organization working to prevent the unintended, unnecessary or unacceptable harm caused by certain weapons. It undertakes research, policy and advocacy and promotes civil society partnerships to respond to harm caused by existing weapons and to build a stronger framework to prevent harm as weapons are used or developed in the future. In March 2012, Article 36 called for a ban on military systems that are able to select and attack targets autonomously.

### **Association for Aid and Relief Japan, [www.aarjapan.gr.jp](http://www.aarjapan.gr.jp)**

Association for Aid and Relief, Japan is an international non-governmental organization founded in Japan in 1979. As a committed member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, Association for Aid and Relief, Japan played a central role in convincing Japan to ban antipersonnel landmines and join the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty.

### **IKV Pax Christi (The Netherlands)- [www.ikvpaxchristi.nl](http://www.ikvpaxchristi.nl)**

IKV Pax Christi is a peace organization based in the Netherlands. It works with local partners in conflict areas and seeks political solutions to crises and armed conflicts. It has an active disarmament department which co-founded the Cluster Munitions Coalition, works on nuclear disarmament and is active (board) member on many other disarmament issues. In May 2011, IKV Pax Christi published a report entitled *Does Unmanned Make Unacceptable? Exploring the Debate on using Drones and Robots in Warfare*.

### **International Committee for Robot Arms Control, <http://icrac.net>**

The International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC) is a not-for-profit organization comprised of scientists, ethicists, lawyers, roboticists, and other experts. It

works to address the potential dangers involved with the development of armed military robots and autonomous weapons. Given the rapid pace of development of military robots and the pressing dangers their use poses to peace, international security, the rule of law, and to civilians, ICRAC supports a ban on armed robots with autonomous targeting capability.

**Mines Action Canada, [www.minesactioncanada.org](http://www.minesactioncanada.org)**

Mines Action Canada is a coalition of over 35 Canadian non-governmental organizations working in mine action, peace, development, labour, health and human rights that came together in 1994. It is the Canadian partner of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and a founding member of the Cluster Munition Coalition.

**Nobel Women's Initiative, [nobelwomensinitiative.org](http://nobelwomensinitiative.org)**

The Nobel Women's Initiative was established in January 2006 by 1997 Nobel Peace Laureate Jody Williams and five of her sister Nobel Peace laureates. The Nobel Women's Initiative uses the prestige of the Nobel Peace Prize and of courageous women peace laureates to magnify the power and visibility of women working in countries around the world for peace, justice and equality. In an April 2011 article for the *International Journal of Intelligence Ethics*, Williams calls for a ban on "fully autonomous attack and kill robotic weapons."

**Pugwash Conferences on Science & World Affairs, [www.pugwash.org](http://www.pugwash.org)**

A central main objective of Pugwash is the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, chemical and biological) and of war as a social institution to settle international disputes. To that extent, peaceful resolution of conflicts through dialogue and mutual understanding is an essential part of Pugwash activities, that is particularly relevant when and where nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction are deployed or could be used.

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom [www.wilpf.org](http://www.wilpf.org)**

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is the oldest women's peace organization in the world. Its aims and principles include working toward world peace; total and universal disarmament; the abolition of violence and coercion in the settlement of conflict and their substitution in every case of negotiation and conciliation; the strengthening of the United Nations system; the continuous development and implementation of international law; political and social equality and economic equity; co-operation among all people; and an environmentally sustainable development.

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