Human rights, disarmament, and killer robots

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Concerns are increasing over the potential impact of fully autonomous weapons also known as lethal autonomous weapons of ‘killer robots.’ Last month, nations discussed this emerging challenge at the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW), while this month the matter will be considered by the 26th session of the Human Rights Council at the United Nations in Geneva.

The UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Professor Christof Heyns, is due to present his latest report (A/HRC-26-36) to the Human Rights Council on 12 June recommending that the body “remain seized” with the issue of autonomous weapons systems and “make its voice heard as the international debate unfolds.”

On behalf of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) invites you to a briefing on the human rights and disarmament implications of killer robots.

We hope that this briefing will be a useful opportunity for Geneva’s human rights community to prepare for discussing the human rights implication of fully autonomous weapons.

For more information about fully autonomous weapons, please see www.stopkillerrobots.org

Briefing moderated by Ms. Beatrice Fihn, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom

Remarks by:
• Ambassador Jean-Hugues Simon-Michel of France, Chair of the 2014 CCW Meeting of Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems
• Professor Christof Heyns, Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, OHCHR.
• Ms. Kathleen Lawand, International Committee of the Red Cross
• Mr. Richard Moyes, Article 36