PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Whereas:

* Governments and companies are rapidly developing weapons systems with increasing autonomy using new technology and artificial intelligence.
* There are serious humanitarian, legal, military, technical, and ethical concerns about autonomous weapons systems that detect and apply force to a target based on sensor inputs, rather than an immediate human command. In these systems the specific object to be attacked, and the exact time and place of the attack, are determined by sensor processing, not by humans.
* There is growing consensus internationally that new international law is needed to address the concerns surrounding autonomous weapons systems.

We, the undersigned, **residents of Canada**, call upon the **Government of Canada**to:

* Prohibit the domestic development, importation and use of autonomous weapon systems that do not allow for meaningful human control.
* Develop national regulations so that other autonomous weapon systems will be used only with meaningful human control.
* Take an active leadership role in international negotiations to prohibit autonomous weapons systems through new international law under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly or another inclusive multilateral forum.

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