ADDRESSING ARMED UAVs: NEXT STEPS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

INVITATION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH (UNIDIR) AND PAX

Armed unmanned aerial vehicles (often known simply as drones) are a distinctive and increasingly frequent means of applying armed force in conflict and counter-terrorism. Experts will discuss transparency, oversight and accountability issues created by drone use, particularly in ‘targeted killings’, and ways forward using international processes to address the legal and humanitarian issues surrounding their export and use.

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OPENING REMARKS

• Marcus Bleinroth (Director of Division, Conventional Disarmament, Arms Control and OSBM, Preventive Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office)

SPEAKERS

• Radhya Al Mutawakel (Chair, Mwantana Organisation for Human Rights, Yemen)
• Ella Knight (Campaigner, Arms Control and Human Rights, Amnesty International)
• John Borrie (Chief of Research, UNIDIR)
• Rachel Stohl (Senior Associate, Stimson Center)

CLOSING REMARKS

• Representative from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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