

Global Week of Action (25-31 October) Guidance for SKR Members
'Regulate For Control: Human Control is Hanging by a Thread' photo action

Overview

From 25-31 October 2026, Stop Killer Robots members around the world can host photo actions in their cities and towns as part of the **'Regulate For Control: Human Control is Hanging by a Thread'** campaign ahead of the CCW Review Conference in November. The goal of these photo actions is to raise public awareness of the dangers of autonomous weapons and to demonstrate the widespread and grassroots support for a treaty.

Geneva

Regulate For Control: Human Control is Hanging by a Thread will culminate in a visual stunt in Geneva during the CCW Review Conference in November - an acrobat will perform an aerial routine suspended by a red string, to illustrate the campaign's main message.

Around the world

From 25-31 October, members around the world will plan their own Regulate For Control: Human Control is Hanging by a Thread stunts, consisting of a photo action where a group of people (big or small) will gather in front of legislative buildings or landmarks in their countries, holding posters, and all connected by a piece of red ribbon or string to reinforce the "hanging by a thread" campaign message and to tease the upcoming Geneva acrobatic stunt.



This guide aims to help campaigners organize their photo actions to ensure visual continuity across global cities during the global week of action (25-31 October). Below are instructions on how to host your own Regulate For Control: Human Control is Hanging by a Thread photo action during the global week of action.

'Regulate For Control: Human Control is Hanging by a Thread' is the overarching theme of our campaign leading up to the CCW Review Conference. Some key messages are:

- A treaty to regulate autonomous weapons is the bare minimum. We cannot allow machines to make life or death decisions. Our governments must act now to protect us and **Regulate For Control**.
- **Human control is hanging by a thread.** With the increasing use of AI in modern warfare, humans have decreasing control over how weapons are used in conflict. States must start negotiations to regulate autonomous weapons to reduce civilian harm.

How to get started:

1. **Date:** Choose a date between 25-31 October where you can gather other campaigners, friends, and community members to be part of the photo action
2. **Location:** Choose a public location, such as a legislative building, town square, or other landmark in your city/town to pose in front of.
3. **Gather materials:**
 - a. [Printable posters](#) - print several posters for campaigners to hold. You can tape or glue the posters to cardboard or other hard surface to make them easier to read. If you'd like to translate them into a different language, please see the [template instructions here](#).
 - b. Red ribbon or thick red string. Make sure the red ribbon or string is thick enough to see from afar in photos.
4. **Email Charlotte** with the date & location of your action, so that it can be added to the [shared map](#).



Materials you need on the day:

- Black clothing
- [Printed posters](#)
- Thick red ribbon, or string
- Phone or camera

Photo action instructions:

Before you arrive, encourage everyone to wear black clothing (or just black shirts) so that you stand out as a group and the red ribbon can stand out among you. The posters have QR codes to sign our petition, so interested passersby can take action.

- Gather at the selected location.
- Take a variety of photos of the group.
- Have some group members hold posters.
- Have everyone hold the red ribbon or string - be creative!
- Speak to people walking by about our goal and encourage them to take action by signing the petition - scanning the QR code on the posters.
- Record one (or more) group members explaining the action ([video explanation](#) suggested script below!)
- You can find some suggestions on photos & videos to capture below:

Suggested Photography shots (with examples)

- ****Please shoot in both portrait and landscape.***
- ***Capture a combination of photos:***
 - *the group with posters;*
 - *the group with the red ribbon*
 - ***& the group with both the posters and the red ribbon****
 - Group photos in front of important legislative buildings or landmarks with the posters (posed and candid)





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- Group photos with the red ribbon. Some suggested shots below, but you can be creative with holding the ribbon.





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- forced perspective - have two people holding either ends of the ribbon close to the camera, then have people in the distance pretend to hold it.



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- Individual photos of campaigners holding posters



- **Social media content suggestions**
 - **Videos & photos**
 - **Short videos of individual campaigners saying (portrait) :** “Stop Killer Robots” directly to camera
 - **Short videos of individual campaigners saying (portrait) :** “We cannot allow machines to make life or death decisions.”
 - **Short videos of individual campaigners saying (portrait) :** “Time is running out, but States still have an opportunity to stop killer robots. We’re calling on states to agree to treaty negotiations at November’s CCW Review Conference.”
 - **Photos of campaigners holding posters**
 - **Photos of campaigners talking to passersby**
 - **Video explanation of action (portrait)**
 - **Suggested script:**

- We're out here in [X city], spreading the word about Killer robots – nope, they're not science fiction –
- Autonomous weapons are being used in wars right now.
- With the increasing use of AI in modern warfare, humans have decreasing control over how weapons are used in conflict. Human control is hanging by a thread.
- Countries must start negotiations on a treaty to regulate autonomous weapons to reduce civilian harm. In November at the UN in Geneva, countries can decide to do this.
- We cannot allow machines to make life or death decisions. Our governments must act now to protect us.
- Share this video and help us remind countries around the world that it's time to Regulate For Control. It's time to Stop Killer Robots

After your action - sharing/posting images

Once you have finished shooting all of your photos & social media content **please email the files to charlotte@stopkillerrobots.org via [WeTransfer](#)** to maintain file quality.

Stop Killer Robots global social media channels will gather all of the content from campaigners around the world and will begin posting it 10 days ahead of the CCW Review Conference (16 November).

You can post photos & other content on your organisation's social media channels as soon as you are ready - you don't have to wait until 10 days ahead of the CCW Review Conference. When posting content, tag the @StopKillerRobots social media accounts and use hashtag #StopKillerRobots.