

*Wednesday, 26 February 2014 - Strasbourg*

*Debate*

Pino Arlacchi (S&D ). - This Parliament is taking a very important position on the issue of the use of armed drones. The resolution agreed upon is the first step towards the total prohibition of the use of this horrible weapon.

If there is one reason to forbid forever the use of drones it is simply the fact that they are a new weapon. We received a Nobel Prize for peace, and one of the main points is this: stop inventing new weapons; stop using technology and science to invent new weapons.

So I am really surprised by all these limitations that are put by some colleagues on this issue. International law prohibits arbitrary killings, and this should be the main reason, in addition to what I have already said, for having a firm position against this new weapon. So I hope that this resolution will be the first step towards a total ban on this weapon.

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