



Ethics meeting #3 UAS Coordination Technical Working Group

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Opening remarks by Christos welcoming everyone to third session of the Ethics group

This session was presented by Harvard Humanitarian Initiative on UAViators Code of Conduct

Please find the [PowerPoint presentation here](#).

Starting off, there was a round of introduction for our colleagues from HHI who are participating in this session.

Caitlin. H: with such a dream team like this we've been embarking on opportunities like this (joining the TWGs) and the partnership to look for ways to think about standards and ethics, not in the way that the humanitarian space has been taking, but rather take an intersectional approach that combines the diversity, equity and inclusion of things, after which all can be imbued in the direction within these standard and ethics conversation. The partnership with WeRobotics have given the chance for HHI to look at some important things like:

- Centering the rights of the affected populations in the UAV mission
- Core language reflects the humanitarian obligations

What the UAV code of conduct has was aligned with the Signal Code that was drafted. **Signal code** is about establishing and articulating the right to information in a crisis. It is predicated on other human rights and all are independent on each other:

- The right to Information
- The right to protection
- The right to data privacy and security
- The right to data agency
- The right to redress and rectification

Code of Conduct. The pre-existing code of conduct are taken as right-based principles and the guidelines are taken as obligations and standards which are broken down to:

- Community Engagement
- Data Responsibility

- Partnerships and third parties/ Ethical partnership
- Conflict Environment / Conflict Sensitivity

Given the UAS are becoming more ubiquitous in a lot of operating environments, HHI recommends consolidating and invite colleagues from OSC Kiev to review their use of UAV for monitoring in Eastern Ukraine.

Next Steps. *Saira:* The UAV CoC is a working document and ongoing conversations with all participants about their expected experience is needed to continue to develop as things change. Some of the major pillars that HHI is considering is the future hold for the UAV CoC as a community and then also HHIs work at the signal code to continue developing:

- Diversity, Equity and inclusion.
- Machine Learning and AI.
- Partnership
- Minimum operating standards

Q&A/Discussion:

Zuher: coming from a private sector, the data right and ownership and sharing analysis are resolved as there are very clear rules of engagement there. The private sector are vendors for x services, why is it that when it comes to humanitarian sector, do we have to resolve the data ownership and sharing?

Caitlin: we highly recommend engaging with folks like Sean Martin McDonalds who thought a lot about this and whose concept on things like data trust is fascinating and very creative.

For more details on the above, please find the recording of the session [here](#).

Next Ethics TWG meeting is on **6 January, 2021**