
Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

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Submitted by the Chairperson

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda (first session only).
3. Confirmation of the rules of procedure (first session only).
4. Organization of the work of the Group of Governmental Experts.
5. Focus of work of the Group of Governmental Experts in 2021:
 - (a) An exploration of the potential challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems to International Humanitarian Law;
 - (b) Characterization of the systems under consideration in order to promote a common understanding on concepts and characteristics relevant to the objectives and purposes of the Convention;
 - (c) Further consideration of the human element in the use of lethal force; aspects of human-machine interaction in the development, deployment and use of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems;
 - (d) Review of potential military applications of related technologies in the context of the Group's work;
 - (e) Possible options for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention without prejudging policy outcomes and taking into account past, present and future proposals.
6. Preparation of the report for consideration at the Sixth Review Conference of the CCW in accordance with the decision of the High Contracting Parties in 2019 (paragraph 31 CCW/MSP/2019/9):

“... explore and agree on possible recommendations on options related to emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention, taking into account all proposals (past, present and future) and the agenda items as reflected in paragraph 11 and annex I of the Report. In its discussions under each agenda item the Group shall consider the legal, technological and military aspects and the interaction between them, and



bearing in mind ethical considerations. Delegations are encouraged to include legal, technological and military experts.

The Group is to consider the guiding principles, which it may further develop and elaborate, the work on the legal, technological and military aspects, the conclusions of the Group, as reflected in its reports of 2017, 2018 and 2019 and use them as a basis for its consensus recommendations in relation to the clarification, consideration and development of aspects of the normative and operational framework on emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems, in accordance with Decision 1 of the Fifth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention (CCW/CONF.V/10), consistent with CCW/CONF.V/2”.

7. Adoption of the report (last session only).
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