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In its capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of September 2025, the Republic of Korea intends to organize a Security Council high-level open debate on “Artificial intelligence and international peace and security”, to be held on Wednesday, 24 September.

This high-level open debate will be the signature event of the Security Council Presidency of the Republic of Korea and it will be chaired by Lee Jae Myung, the President of the Republic of Korea.

In order to guide the discussions on this topic, the Republic of Korea has prepared a concept note (see annex). I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Concept note for the Security Council high-level open debate on the theme “Artificial intelligence and international peace and security: addressing the complexities, multifaceted impacts and responsible use” in connection with the item “Maintenance of international peace and security”, to be held on 24 September 2025

Background and the role of the Security Council

Artificial intelligence has emerged as one of the most consequential technological revolutions in modern history, rapidly transforming every aspect of human activities across both military and civilian domains. As the ultimate dual-use technology, the transformative power of artificial intelligence has the potential to both promote and undermine international peace and security: artificial intelligence can be used in peacekeeping, conflict prevention, proliferation risk monitoring and humanitarian responses, or misused to spread disinformation, conduct cyberattacks or design new types of weapons of mass destruction. In the broader socioeconomic context, artificial intelligence also has the potential to detect early warning signs and identify risk patterns, enabling preventive responses to crises. Ensuring that artificial intelligence innovation promotes international peace and security is also sine qua non of human flourishing and economic prosperity through artificial intelligence.

Recognizing the urgency and relevance of discussing artificial intelligence in the context of international peace and security, the Security Council, as the principal organ tasked with the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security under the Charter of the United Nations, has convened two open briefings on artificial intelligence under the item “Maintenance of international peace and security” since 2023. In the light of the fast-paced development and widespread deployment of generative artificial intelligence models, artificial intelligence-enabled decision-support systems and artificial intelligence-enabled weapon platforms across the globe, free and open discussion on this topic at the highest level is imperative to find ways to maximize the benefit of, and minimize the risk from artificial intelligence.

The Security Council has a distinct role to play in considering humanity’s broader engagement on artificial intelligence, in particular where the use or misuse of artificial intelligence intersects with its responsibility. This may include, for example, understanding and addressing how the misuse or unintended consequences of artificial intelligence could impact crisis dynamics, non-proliferation monitoring, conflict prevention, peace operations and peace processes, while exploring potential uses of artificial intelligence to further advance international peace and security. The Security Council can also contribute to raising awareness of cross-cutting risks within the broader context of peace and security, which might fall outside the scope of other United Nations processes or mandates. It can also contribute to mutual reinforcement of the three pillars of the United Nations: peace and security, development and human rights.

For the past few years, the Republic of Korea has actively participated in international discussions on artificial intelligence. Last year, the Republic of Korea co-hosted the 2024 Responsible Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain Summit in Seoul and adopted a “Blueprint for Action”, and co-tabled General Assembly resolution [79/239](#) on artificial intelligence in the military domain and its implications for international peace and security. It also hosted the Artificial Intelligence Seoul

Summit and adopted the Seoul Declaration. The Republic of Korea has also supported wider multilateral efforts, including the endorsement of the Political Declaration on Responsible Military Use of Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy. Against this backdrop, the Republic of Korea would like to propose the first Security Council open debate on how to ensure that innovation in artificial intelligence can promote international peace and security.

Objectives of the discussion

The high-level open debate aims to provide a platform for Member States to exchange views on the evolving role of artificial intelligence in the context of international peace and security. More specifically, the debate seeks to:

- Encourage high-level reflection and discussion on how the international community can collectively maximize the benefits of artificial intelligence while minimizing its risks in the context of international peace and security;
- Invite Member States to share their approaches to the responsible development, deployment, and use of artificial intelligence including its application in the military domain;
- Consider the potential role of the Security Council, as the principal body mandated by the Charter of the United Nations to uphold international peace and security, in harnessing the opportunities created by artificial intelligence while mitigating the risks associated therewith.

The open debate aims to support the Security Council's continued endeavors to foster a shared understanding of the opportunities and challenges associated with artificial intelligence, and reaffirm the importance of international cooperation in guiding its development and use.

Guiding questions for consideration of Member States

To facilitate a structured discussion and promote focused exchanges, Member States may wish to reflect on the following questions:

- How can Member States harness artificial intelligence to advance international peace and security, and how should Member States guide the development of artificial intelligence and use to support this goal?
- How can the Security Council help ensure the responsible application of artificial intelligence in compliance, for example, with international law and its use in support of peace processes, conflict prevention and peace operations, post-conflict recovery and early warning especially in regions facing acute vulnerability or instability?
- What are the most urgent risks associated with the misuse of artificial intelligence in the context of international peace and security and how can the Security Council help address these risks through its tools and mandates?
- How can the Security Council reinforce and enhance ongoing United Nations and other international initiatives aimed at ensuring the responsible development and use of artificial intelligence?

Format and briefers

The high-level open debate will be held under the item "Maintenance of international peace and security". The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Republic of Korea, Lee Jae Myung, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council.

The format will allow for briefings by invited experts and statements by Security Council members and other participating delegations. Member States are encouraged to deliver focused interventions, highlighting both risks and opportunities associated with artificial intelligence, and sharing their views on how the Council and the broader United Nations system can respond. In order to guarantee the participation of as many Member States as possible, statements should not exceed three minutes and group statements are encouraged.

Member States that wish to participate will be able to do so under rule 37 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council and should register their speakers through the e-Speakers module of e-deleGATE. Registration will open at 9:30 a.m. on 19 September 2025, and Member States need to upload a letter from their Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires addressed to the President of the Security Council.

Briefers will include:

- Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Professor Yoshua Bengio, Université de Montréal; Co-President and Scientific Director, LawZero; Founder and Scientific Advisor, Mila–Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute (virtual participation)
- Professor Yejin Choi, Dieter Schwarz Foundation Professor of Computer Science and Senior Fellow, Stanford University Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence
