Mr. Chairman,  

At the outset, I would like to reiterate that Kazakhstan is strongly dedicated to contributing to the cause of international peace and security as well as exerting every effort to further promote cooperation among members of the international community in the sphere of nonproliferation and disarmament.  

The Republic of Kazakhstan fully meets all its international commitments in the field of Arms control and remains adhered to its policy aimed at strengthening security both on regional and international dimensions.  

In addressing these issues, Kazakhstan has promoted efforts at strengthening its national system as well as its security cooperation across the Central Asia region. Our commitment is further demonstrated by the accession of relevant international instruments such as the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and United Nations Programme of action to combat, prevent and eradicate the illicit trade in small and arms and light weapons in all its aspects (UNPOA).  

The full and effective implementation and universality of the ATT will contribute to promoting international peace and security by reducing human suffering caused by armed violence  

Mr. Chairman,  

Kazakhstan reaffirms its commitment to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) and supports humanitarian aspect of the Convention since we share common aspiration of the entire world community to protect civilians from any effects of such “inhumane” weapons. Kazakhstan currently does not produce and has no intention or plans to produce incendiary munitions which covered by CCW.  

Kazakhstan has developed an effective system of export control of arms as well as dual-use goods and the Government continues to enhance its preventive mechanisms and measures strictly in accordance with international
requirements and therefore is not and may not cause any spread of such weapons.

Let us remind all States parties to the CCW about timely fulfillment of their financial obligations.

We also supported the creation of Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal autonomous weapons systems (GGE LAWS). We believe that it was a turning point in the discussion to give to this issue more formal approach. We believe that the added value of the GGE could be finding ways for common understandings and definitions of the LAWS.

The danger of the consequences of the development of new technologies, which always have a dual-use purpose, is better to be overestimated than underestimated. Leaders of many states and leadership of international organizations are aware about influence of Artificial Intelligence on the future of countries and the entire world.

The need for preparation and adoption of certain forms of regulation for the LAWS sphere seems to be obvious and should be followed from designing and production to their practical implementation. At the same time, it is obvious that machines should not be permitted to make decisions to target or kill humans.

It is clear that discussion concerning LAWS is just beginning and further work is required to help shape our understanding of this future technology. Kazakhstan believes that that it is important to continue discussions in 2019.

I thank you.