LAWS : the military perspective
I - Big expectations...

II - A possible reality
Preliminary remarks

- A compulsory subject

- What is a LAWS ?

- A foresight exercise

- A heavy tendency

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The operational interest
Big expectations

- Working hypothesis
- Another heavy tendency
- In which fields?
- Savings?
- Force protection
- Doing better
- Lethal function… What for? In which context?
- The environment

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A possible reality

- No significant force reduction
- High procurement costs
- High maintenance costs
- Populated areas
- Less casualties?
Conclusion

Under supervision (=real time control/not fully autonomous) : probably yes

No supervision (comms/datalink are down / fully autonomous) : in critical situations (overwhelming attack) – mission has to be done

Permanent close control or at least supervision in the use of force are crucial and will be systematically required

Various environments : various LAWS

Tempo in operations/Time pressure

Technological solution ?