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4th GGE on LAWS

Statement of the Delegation of POLAND
General comments

Thank you Mr Chairman,
Let me congratulate you on the assumption of your duty and assure you of full cooperation of my delegation. We strongly believe to have a fruitful deliberations under your skilful leadership.

Poland aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union.

We stay committed to the notion of compliance of development and use of LAWS with the international law, with international humanitarian law in particular.

Mr Chairman,
We are aware of existing advanced artificial intelligence that is being developed and used for other purposes. One should not ban technology that can save lives, but should reflect on possible use of it in combat. What are the challenges associated with possible application of AI to armament?

Poland is of the opinion that we need definition or at least key characteristics of LAWS to allow regulation of the use of this kind of technology with established levels of human control policy. We may also consider guidelines on parenting of the system during the learning process. Also for the benefit of further discussions, we should differentiate between autonomy and automation.
We need to focus our discussion on levels of human control more than on autonomous technological aspects. At this stage it is difficult to predict the pace and the exact direction of development of AI and its application in weapon’s systems. Therefore, a level of human control becomes very clear and practical variable that we should refer to.

I thank you