

Draft Statements for CCW Expert Meeting on Lethal Autonomous Weapons
Systems

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General Debate

Mr Chairman,

Firstly let me thank you for coordinating this meeting. It is good to see so many states represented here, as well as experts from a range of relevant fields.

Allow me also to thank the ICRC for their summary from the discussions held earlier this year, and for their excellent work in coordinating that event. We look forward to the full report being published before we meet again in November.

The subject of autonomous weapons systems is a complex one, and it is very useful for all concerned to have the opportunity here to deepen understanding of the key themes. The agenda which France has prepared certainly includes consideration of the most relevant issues.

The UK looks forward to participating fully in the discussions to come.

Thank you.

