

# Transparency and information sharing

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# General comments

- The focus is on **transparency**, rather than compliance, confidence-building, confidence and security-building or verification.
- More information about policies, intentions and capabilities can help **open the space for discussion** and **identify the best focus** for current debate.
- To create a constructive base for future actions there is a need for **a more structured approach** to transparency
- Support the next stage of discussion in the CCW – the **next meeting should focus on outputs**, not generate inputs.



# Transparency Action Plan

- Make sure that **official information** describing the current state of play is **collected systematically** and **made widely available**.
- Requires **a systematic approach**:
  - Create a focal point at national level.
  - Create a point of contact for international partners.
  - Increase the frequency of interactions.
  - Voluntary participation, but with results that are distributed widely for the benefit of the overall community



# Initial focus

- States are still in process of **understanding the issue**: the nature of the technologies, whether they are strategically necessary and desirable and whether they need to be control or prohibited
- More transparency regarding **existing weapons systems** that have some advanced degree of automation/ autonomy in their critical functions
- **Development and acquisition**. How States ensure that they comply with the obligations established in Article 36 of Additional Protocol I.
- **Use of weapons**. Which procedures apply to weapons with automatic or automated functions.



# Final remarks

- Information sharing could significantly improve future discussions.
- SIPRI recommends establishing a voluntary but regular and systematic information sharing mechanism to support the future discussion on LAWS at the CCW.
- The information sharing should promote regular and focused dialogue, with an initial focus on:
  - Implementation of article 36 of the Additional Protocol I
  - Existing national policies that apply to the use of weapons systems.



# QUESTIONS

