
Group of Governmental Experts of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda
Organization of work of the Group of Governmental Experts

Provisional Programme of Work

Submitted by the Chairperson

Monday, 13 November 2017

10:00 – 13:00 (Conference Room XVIII)

Opening of the meeting

Adoption of the agenda

Confirmation of the rules of procedure

Organization of the work of the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE)

General exchange of views (6-minute time limit for each speaker)

15:00 – 18:00 (Conference Room XXVI)

Examination of various dimensions of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention: Panel 1 – Technology dimension

Professor Margaret Boden, University of Sussex

Professor Gary Marcus, New York University

Mr. Gautam Shroff, Tata Consultancy Services, India

Mr. Harmony Mothibe, BotsZA, South Africa

Professor Stuart Russell, University of California, Berkeley

Mr. Sean Legassick, Google DeepMind

Tuesday, 14 November 2017

10:00 – 13:00 (Conference Room XVIII)

Examination of various dimensions of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention: Panel 2 – Military effects dimension

Brigadier (Armament corps) Patrick Bezombes, France



Professor Heigo Sato, Takushoku University, Tokyo

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Brown, Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Dr. David Shim, KAIST Institute for Robotics, Republic of Korea

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Korpela, Military Academy - West Point, United States of America

Ms. Lydia Kostopoulos, National Defense University, Washington D.C.

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Examination of various dimensions of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention: Panel 3 – Legal/ethical dimensions

Ms. Kathleen Lawand, International Committee of the Red Cross

Ms. Marie-Helen Parizeau, World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST), UNESCO

Professor Xavier Oberson, University of Geneva

Professor Bakhtiyar Tuzmukhamedov, Diplomatic Academy, Russian Federation

Mr. Lucas Bento, Attorney, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, and President of the Brazilian American Lawyers Association

Professor Dominique Lambert, l'Université de Namur

Wednesday, 15 November 2017

10:00 – 13:00 (Conference Room XVIII)

General exchange of views continued (if required)

Interactive discussion based on the Food-for-thought paper by the Chair

15:00 – 18:00 (Conference Room XVIII)

Interactive discussion continued

Thursday, 16 November 2017

10:00 – 13:00 (Conference Room XVIII)

The way ahead

15:00 – 18:00 (Conference Room XVIII)

First reading of the draft report

Friday, 17 November 2017

10:00 – 13:00 (Conference Room XXVI)

Panel 4 - Crosscutting discussion on various dimensions of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapon systems, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention

Dr. Ing. Konstantinos Karachalios, Managing Director, IEEE Standards Association

Dr. Xiaodong Lee, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Dr. Reinhard Scholl, International Telecommunications Union

Mr. Neil Sahota, IBM Watson and University of California

Ms. Kerstin Vignard, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Dr. Vincent Boulanin, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Dr. Marcel Dickow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

15:00 – 18:00 (Conference Room XXVI)

Adoption of the report
