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**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 the work of the Group of Governmental Experts

**Provisional Programme of Work**

**Submitted by the Chairperson**

**Week 1**

**Monday, 9 April 2018**

**10:00 – 13:00**

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 (5 minutes time limit)

**15:00 – 18:00**

Characterization of the systems under consideration in order to promote a common understanding on concepts and characteristics relevant to the objectives and purposes of the Convention

**Tuesday, 10 April 2018**

**10:00 – 13:00**

Characterization of the systems under consideration in order to promote a common understanding on concepts and characteristics relevant to the objectives and purposes of the Convention

**15:00 – 18:00**

Characterization of the systems under consideration in order to promote a common understanding on concepts and characteristics relevant to the objectives and purposes of the Convention

**Wednesday, 11 April 2018**

**10:00 – 13:00**

Further consideration of the human element in the use of lethal force; aspects of human-machine interaction in the development, deployment and use of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems

**15:00 – 18:00**

Further consideration of the human element in the use of lethal force; aspects of human-machine interaction in the development, deployment and use of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems

**Thursday, 12 April 2018**

**10:00 – 13:00**

Review of potential military applications of related technologies in the context of the Group's work (Expert Panel – interactive discussion with High Contracting Parties)

**15:00 – 18:00**

Further consideration of the human element in the use of lethal force; aspects of human-machine interaction in the development, deployment and use of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems

**Friday, 13 April 2018**

**10:00 – 13:00**

Possible options for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention without prejudging policy outcomes and taking into account past, present and future proposals

**15:00 – 18:00**

Possible options for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention without prejudging policy outcomes and taking into account past, present and future proposals

Chair's closing remarks

**Week 2****Monday, 27 August 2018****10:00 – 13:00**

Opening of the meeting

Organization of the work of the GGE

Review of potential military applications of related technologies in the context of the Group's work (Expert Panel – interactive discussion with High Contracting Parties)

**15:00 – 18:00**

Characterization of the systems under consideration in order to promote a common understanding on concepts and characteristics relevant to the objectives and purposes of the Convention (Starting with brief review as well as any updates since April)

**Tuesday, 28 August 2018****10:00 – 13:00**

Characterization of the systems under consideration in order to promote a common understanding on concepts and characteristics relevant to the objectives and purposes of the Convention

**15:00 – 18:00**

Further consideration of the human element in the use of lethal force; aspects of human-machine interaction in the development, deployment and use of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems (Starting with brief review as well as any updates since April)

**Wednesday, 29 August 2018****10:00 – 13:00**

Further consideration of the human element in the use of lethal force; aspects of human-machine interaction in the development, deployment and use of emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems

**15:00 – 18:00**

Possible options for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention without prejudging policy outcomes and taking into account past, present and future proposals (Starting with brief review as well as any updates since April)

**Thursday, 30 August 2018****10:00 – 13:00**

Possible options for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention without prejudging policy outcomes and taking into account past, present and future proposals

**15:00 – 18:00**

Possible options for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapons systems in the context of the objectives and purposes of the Convention without prejudging policy outcomes and taking into account past, present and future proposals

**Friday, 31 August 2018**

**10:00 – 13:00**

Consideration of the Report

**15:00 – 18:00**

Adoption of the Report

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