

**Brazil's intervention of 27 August 2018**

- The Chair's summary report of the GGE April meeting described four broad approaches to discussions. In the view of the Brazilian delegation these approaches are not mutually exclusive. We think, in fact, that the bulk of what is required in order to dutifully comply with our mandate is comprised within a combination of the so called "cumulative" and "accountability" approaches.
- Still drawing from the Chair's summary, Brazil agrees with the formulation captured therein on the need to apply a "human-centric" focus to our considerations on LAWS, particularly in the decision-making chain involved in the choosing of targets, and in authorizing or using lethal force.
- All this point to the Importance of maintaining human control over critical functions of lethal autonomous weapons systems.
- Regarding institutional arrangements, Agenda item 6(d) should be carried forward as the central element of a follow-on mandate for continued work on LAWS towards 2019, specially the issue of "options".
- We fully agree with the concluding assessment of the Chair's April summary report underscoring the applicability of International Humanitarian Law to any weapons system as a central area of convergence, and underlining that the human element in the use of force, regardless of how one may formulate it, has emerged as a central consideration.
- On the basis of the above referenced portions of your summary report, Mr. Chair, Brazil would like to highlight the following elements as possible guidance for making further progress in our work:
  - Autonomy is a function of human control; the less control, the more autonomy there is;
  - All weapons systems must comply with international law and in particular with IHL and the international law of human rights, whether they are autonomous or not;
  - Only humans and states are subjects of law and can be accountable or responsible for compliance;
  - AWS can only comply with international law if it is subjected to a degree of human control;
  - The role of the CCW is precisely to ensure such compliance;
  - We need to build the appropriate framework for LAWS under the CCW to ensure their compliance with IHL and the international law of human rights and with the principles of humanity and the dictates of public conscience.