

GHANA (16 Apr 2015 AM)

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA AT THE CCW MEETING ON THE LETHAL AUTONOMOUS WEAPON SYSTEMS HELD IN GENEVA ON 16 APRIL, 2015

Thank you madam chair and thanks to your distinguished panelists who have enlightened us on this subject, this morning.

Ghana is very much concerned about the possible use of lethal autonomous weapon systems at any time in the future, for the many reasons and fears that these systems present to us by their very nature. It is obvious that proponents of these systems believe that they will not be the victims but others will.

We need to avoid moving in this direction of self perfection to the promotion and preservation of human dignity for humanity as a whole. History confirms that today's victim can become tomorrow's perpetrator, especially, when we take into consideration the ever increasing development and spread of technology. Won't we be heading towards a potential quagmire in the near future.

In our view fully automated lethal systems must be proscribed before they are fully developed because of the concerns aforesaid and shared by a larger number of delegations represented here in this meeting.

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Would you recommend that the CCW develops norms that will regulate or proscribe the development or the application of these systems in a warfare on in public order control mechanisms?
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Would you recommend the use of fully autonomous systems in disaster relief and support operations?