



LAWS : the military perspective

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I – Big expectations...

II – A possible reality

Preliminary remarks

- A compulsory subject
- What is a LAWS ?
 - A foresight exercise
 - A heavy tendency



The operational interest

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Big expectations

- Working hypothesis
- Another heavy tendency
- In which fields ?
- Savings ?
- Force protection
- Doing better
- Lethal function... What for ? In which context ?
- The environment

A possible reality

- No significant force reduction
- High procurement costs
- High maintenance costs
- Populated areas
- Less casualties ?

Conclusion

Under supervision (=real time control/not fully autonomous) : probably yes

No supervision (comms/datalink are down / fully autonomous) : in critical situations (overwhelming attack) – mission has to be done

Permanent close control or at least supervision in the use of force are crucial and will be systematically required

Various environments : various LAWS

Tempo in operations/Time pressure

Technological solution ?



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