



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

TO THE UN, WTO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

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Excellency,

I write to you in my capacity as Chair of the 2019 Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS), convened under the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).

Let me thank you for the very constructive approach to our work during the meetings we held in March. We were able to unearth a lot of knowledge through peer exchange and, similarly, gain much greater granularity on the issues at hand. Let us continue in this spirit during the next informal meetings, with a view to the second part of our official meeting in August.

As announced earlier, you will find attached an updated version of the Chair's non-papers (now titled "Draft conclusions"), which will be in the focus of our attention at the informal meeting scheduled for 15 May in room XVI. **Kindly note that unlike what was previously communicated, the informal meeting will take place the whole day: from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00.**

You will note that the attached Chair's "Draft Conclusions" draw from the Chair's non-papers we discussed during the meeting in March, but are now structured around the Guiding Principles for ease of reference. This is not necessarily intended to indicate subordination to any given principle. Any of the concepts there have the potential to be distilled in the future into principles in their own right.

You will also note that some of the conclusions are in square brackets while others are not. This certainly does not mean that those that are not in square brackets are ready as is for consensus. They do draw, nevertheless, from the "Points of Convergence" from the March non-papers, while the ones in square brackets are more from the "Points of Divergence," or more fittingly called, "Points requiring further work."

To: Permanent Representatives of the
High Contracting Parties to the CCW
Representatives of the Observer States and Organizations



We will go next Wednesday paragraph by paragraph through the "Draft Conclusions", skipping the agreed principles, and consider in broad strokes the concepts included therein. We will have a separate document opened in which we may add any concepts that may be ripe for consideration as distinct principles.

Given the limited time available on 15 May, we will not consider the possible outcomes of our work, but will leave this discussion for the next informals scheduled to take place later in June, when we may also hold a more focused discussion on the potential new principles that we may identify next Wednesday.

I look forward to a fruitful discussion on 15 May.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lj. Gjorgjinski".

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Chair of the 2019 CCW Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems

Att: Chair's non-paper of Draft Conclusions