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Regulating Military AI A Parliamentary Perspective

Online – 30 September 2025

Session 1: Timed for the Asia/Pacific region – 7:00 – 9:00 CET

Session 2: Timed for Africa, Europe and the Americas – 16:30 – 18:30 CET

Background

The international security environment is marked by growing geopolitical tensions, opportunistic alliances, and historically high levels of military expenditure. States are increasingly investing in a technological arms race focused on emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Large Language Models (LLMs).

The military applications of AI are numerous, beyond the commonly acknowledged implications of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems (LAWS). AIs and LLMs are increasingly integrated into various stages of military operations including logistical planning, troop deployment, reconnaissance, and target identification. While often promoted by private defence contractors as the future of warfare, these applications raise serious concerns and challenges to established norms, international law, including international humanitarian law (IHL), and for the stability of international relations.

As AI systems grow more complex, human oversight diminishes, raising unresolved questions about what constitutes “meaningful human control” while existing approaches remain superficial, lacking informed consent, true accountability and transparency. In addition, alongside these developments, experts warn of the possible emergence of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), an advanced form of AI capable of adaptive learning and human-level or superior decision-making. Unlike current “narrow” AI systems, AGI could autonomously plan military strategies, exploit vulnerabilities, or escalate conflicts unpredictably. Its potential convergence with autonomous weapons would mark a paradigm shift in warfare, blurring accountability, further undermining compliance with IHL, and highlighting the urgent need for robust safeguards and strong oversight.

In the face of these rapidly developing challenges, governance efforts remain limited. The Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) has been examining the issue of LAWS from the perspective of IHL, the [REAIM](#) initiative engages various stakeholders on an international level, and the UN Secretary-General recently published his first [report](#) on AI in the military domain. But there is still no agreed international framework to address military AI.

Objectives

The webinar will explore how parliamentarians can play a proactive role in addressing the militarization of AI and LLMs. It will emphasize that technological innovation in warfare must not come at the expense of established rules protecting civilians and civilian infrastructure. A key focus will be the need to define and implement “meaningful human control” to ensure compliance with international humanitarian law.

The session will provide evidence-based insights on the risks of an AI arms race, including its potential role in accelerating the development of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). Drawing on lessons from past arms control and disarmament efforts, such as the governance frameworks for nuclear and chemical weapons and the early prohibition of blinding laser weapons, the webinar aims to encourage parliamentarians to take early, informed, and coordinated action of emerging technologies of warfare through oversight, legislation, and international advocacy.

Expected Outcomes

- Greater understanding among parliamentarians of the legal, ethical, and security risks posed by military AI and LLMs.
- Deeper insight into the short- and long-term implications of an AI arms race, including its potential contribution to the emergence of AGI as a future risk multiplier.
- Strengthened parliamentary support for international efforts to regulate LAWS under the CCW framework and to ensure the application of existing IHL norms.
- Renewed parliamentary commitment to oversight, legislative initiatives, and follow-up on previous IPU resolutions addressing emerging technologies of warfare.

The event will take place online. Session 1 will take place in English only and Session 2 in English, French, Spanish and Arabic via simultaneous interpretation. You may register via the following links:

Session 1: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/x5ABNc5WTbmhOBXXS3qGjQ>

Session 2: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/V-bp8-JOTYunh378pKeMaw>