

Country:- Republic of India

Committee:- United Nation Security Council

Agenda:- Addressing the Proliferation and Militarization of Autonomous Weapons Systems and Artificial Intelligence in Armed Conflict.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and autonomous weapon systems are rapidly transforming modern warfare. Militaries now use these technologies for surveillance, targeting, logistics, and decision-making, significantly increasing speed and efficiency on the battlefield. However, this advancement introduces new challenges, including questions of accountability and compliance with International Humanitarian Law. Without an established international framework, countries interpret “autonomy” in weapon systems differently, increasing the risk of accidents, escalation, and unclear responsibility during conflict.

India maintains that while AI can support battlefield operations, human control is essential, particularly in matters of life and death. We do not support a complete ban on autonomous weapon systems, but we also oppose their unrestricted use. Regulations are necessary, and responsible use should be guided by international norms and ethical standards. We view AI and autonomous weapon systems as vital for national security, but they must be managed responsibly. Progress is constant, but accountability and humanitarian values cannot be overlooked. AI should assist human decision-making, not replace it. And while we know that countries working together is important, every state should still have the right to develop its own defense systems, as long as they're used responsibly and within the bounds of international law.

India has invested considerable effort in ensuring that AI development aligns with ethical principles. (National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence. Here's what's been happening:

- The NITI Aayog's National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence, which centers on making AI accessible, responsible, and fair.
- The IndiaAI Mission is focused on building a strong, safe, and accountable AI ecosystem.
- We led talks on ethical AI at the G20, stressing the importance of transparency and responsibility.
- Upgrades in our cybersecurity systems and defense tech to keep pace with emerging risks.

All these steps show our commitment to making sure technology lines up with our democratic ideals and international peace and security.

India wants the world to agree on a real framework for using autonomous weapons and AI in armed conflict. The cornerstone is simple: meaningful human control every time lethal force is at stake. The framework needs to set clear definitions and standards for autonomy in weapons, so no one's left confused about what's allowed. It should spell out exactly who's responsible—states, operators, developers—when things go wrong. Strong cybersecurity guidelines are also a must because emerging tech is a magnet for attacks and manipulation.

At the same time, the framework shouldn't get in the way of innovation. If countries develop these tools responsibly and obey humanitarian law, then progress can continue. That's how we find balance: secure the benefits of AI, avoid the dangers of unchecked militarization, and make sure no one's humanity gets lost in the process.

India's message is clear: AI can support the military, but people need to stay in control. You can't trade accountability or legal principles for convenience or power. As we move forward, the world should focus on building a framework that keeps innovation in check and puts humanitarian values front and center. It's the only way to keep global stability and protect innocent lives.

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