

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)

Country: Kingdom of Denmark

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

Background of the Agenda

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Autonomous Weapons Systems (AWS) are changing the nature of modern warfare. These technologies can identify and attack targets with little or no human intervention, raising concerns about accountability, civilian protection and compliance with International Humanitarian Law. While AI can improve military efficiency, its misuse may increase civilian casualties and create accountability gaps. International cooperation is therefore essential.

Denmark's Position

Denmark believes technological innovation should never come at the expense of human dignity, international law or global peace. Decisions involving lethal force must remain under meaningful human control. Denmark supports the application of International Humanitarian Law to all AI-enabled weapons and encourages international cooperation to regulate autonomous weapons responsibly.

Actions Taken So Far

Denmark has participated in discussions within the United Nations and the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons. As an EU member, Denmark supports responsible AI governance, civilian protection, transparency, accountability and continued efforts toward international rules on autonomous weapons.

Proposed Solutions and Recommendations

Denmark proposes a common definition of AWS and meaningful human control; a legally binding framework for fully autonomous lethal weapons; stronger Article 36 weapons reviews; greater transparency; cooperation among governments, industry and researchers; stronger controls against proliferation to non-state actors; and capacity-building for states implementing these standards.

Conclusion

Denmark believes AI should strengthen international security, not undermine it. Through meaningful human control, accountability, transparency and international cooperation, the global community can ensure AI is used responsibly while protecting civilians and maintaining international peace.