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Subject: Lethal autonomous weapons systems guided by AI. Let's not lose our humanity

Autonomous weapons systems¹ are undergoing rapid development². Thanks to AI, they will be able to conduct lethal military operations without human intervention, even deciding which people to kill, and when to kill them. If not regulated immediately, there is a risk that technology will outpace legislators and international treaties, forcing them into a futile race to catch up³.

1. What contribution has the EU delegation⁴ made, and what position has it taken during UN meetings⁵ on emerging technologies related to lethal autonomous weapons systems, with a view to an international agreement on their prohibition or regulation?
2. Has the delegation subsequently received instructions from EU institutional authorities to continue working on lethal autonomous weapons systems, and if so, which ones?
3. Although national security falls within the competence of the Member States, autonomous weapons systems can amplify the risks posed by AI used for civilian purposes and lead to extreme and lethal consequences, despite the EU having regulated civilian AI in line with the ethical principles and values of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Treaty on European Union. We therefore ask: On the basis of those same principles and values, does the Commission intend to propose that the Member States renounce lethal autonomous weapons systems, or at least subject them to strict regulation?

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¹ <https://www.belfercenter.org/what-are-autonomous-weapon-systems>.

² <https://automatedresearch.org/weapons-systems/>.

³ <https://automatedresearch.org/news/news-briefing-25-august-2025/>.

⁴ [https://docs-library.unoda.org/Convention_on_Certain_Conventional_Weapons_-_Group_of_Governmental_Experts_on_Lethal_Autonomous_Weapons_Systems_\(2025\)/CCW-GGE.1-2025-INF.1.pdf](https://docs-library.unoda.org/Convention_on_Certain_Conventional_Weapons_-_Group_of_Governmental_Experts_on_Lethal_Autonomous_Weapons_Systems_(2025)/CCW-GGE.1-2025-INF.1.pdf).

⁵ <https://meetings.unoda.org/ccw/convention-on-certain-conventional-weapons-group-of-governmental-experts-on-lethal-autonomous-weapons-systems-2025>.