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The EU has a longstanding position that the use of AI in the military domain must be in accordance with international law, notably the UN Charter, International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law, also when it comes to nuclear weapons. Likewise, the EU has for long advocated that human judgement and control over the use of force must always be retained. Humans must remain responsible and accountable, also when it comes to AI in the military domain to ensure that this technology is applied in a responsible manner. The EU calls on states possessing nuclear weapons to maintain continued human control over decisions to employ nuclear weapons.

The application of AI to military systems entails opportunities as well as challenges. Development of AI is so fast that not all advantages or risks can be predicted at this point of time. Therefore, the EU believes that international processes are highly important for further developing global thinking, governance and practical solutions to the responsible military use of AI and stresses the importance of international cooperation aimed at studying the impact of AI in the military domain and possible governance frameworks.

In this respect, the EU welcomes the continuation of the 'Responsible AI in the Military Domain' (REAIM) process. The 2023 'call to action on the responsible development, deployment and use of AI in the military domain'¹, as well as the 2024 'Blueprint for Action'², have been endorsed by Member States. The REAIM concept of multi-stakeholder, inclusive processes on the issue of responsible military use of AI is a promising approach and a valuable contribution to the broader international debate on consequences of AI for international peace and security. The EU will attend the 3rd REAIM Summit hosted by Spain on 4-5 February 2026.

¹ <https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/es/european-ai-alliance/events/first-summit-responsible-ai-military-domain-ream-2023>.

² <https://anzsilperspective.com/ream-summit-2024-slowly-but-surely-towards-better-governance-of-military-artificial-intelligence-from-the-hague-to-seoul/>.