

II. Addressing Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)

The use and abuse of LAWS has posed a significant security challenge to Member States around the world, which has contributed to a lack of accountability mechanisms surrounding their use and abuse. Due to the lack of internationally binding agreements on the use of LAWS, Member States rely on their individual interpretation of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to determine if a robotic weapon system's malfunction violates IHL, even though IHL was written several decades before the inventions of LAWS themselves. Moreover, since LAWS have no human operators, there is no clear individual or entity that is responsible for their malfunction, making it challenging to enforce IHL standards