

Open informal consultations on lethal autonomous weapons systems

held in accordance with General Assembly resolution [79/62](#)

12-13 May 2025

Programme

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| 10:00 to 10:30 | High-level opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming remarks by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs• Video message from the Secretary-General• Statements by high-level attendees¹ |
| 10:30 to 12:00 | Briefing by the Chair of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the Area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, established under the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (“GGE LAWS”) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory remarks by the Chair of the GGE LAWS• Questions and comments from the floor |
| 12:00 to 13:00 | Introduction to the report of the Secretary-General (A/79/88) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefings on the report of the Secretary-General and its annexes• Questions and comments from the floor |
| 15:00 to 16:30 | Humanitarian considerations (A/79/88, Sect. IV) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expert briefings• Questions and comments from the floor |
| 16:30 to 18:00 | Legal considerations (A/79/88, Sect. IV) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expert briefings• Questions and comments from the floor |

¹ Representatives of States intending to participate in the informal consultations at the ministerial level are invited to contact Mr. René Holbach (holbach@un.org).

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| 10:00 to 11:30 | Security considerations (A/79/88, Sect. IV) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expert briefings• Questions and comments from the floor |
| 11:30 to 13:00 | Technological considerations (A/79/88, Sect. IV) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expert briefings• Questions and comments from the floor |
| 15:00 to 16:30 | Ethical considerations (A/79/88, Sect. IV) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expert briefings• Questions and comments from the floor |
| 16:30 to 17:30 | Regional and global conferences and other initiatives related to LAWS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefings by representatives of States that have hosted conferences or led initiatives related to LAWS.²• Questions and comments from the floor |
| 17:30 to 18:00 | Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any other business• Closing remarks by the Director and Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs |

² Representatives of States interested in briefing on LAWS-related conferences or other initiatives are invited to contact Mr. René Holbach (holbach@un.org).