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Responsible procurement of military AI: practical implications for autonomous weapons

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Room XII, Building A**

Deliberations within the CCW Group of Governmental Experts on lethal autonomous weapons systems have centred on the conditions under which autonomous weapons can be developed and used consistently with international humanitarian law and other relevant normative frameworks. Procurement represents a consequential phase at which these conditions are put in practice. It is at this phase that human-machine interaction requirements are specified, legal reviews are conducted, and assurance processes are carried out.

A new report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) examines the intersection between military procurement and responsible artificial intelligence (AI). The report investigates why and how states are adapting their procurement processes to accelerate military AI adoption (including adoption of AI-enabled autonomous weapons) and why and how states should seize these opportunities to give effect to their legal obligations and high-level policy commitments related to responsible military AI.

The report is available here: <https://www.sipri.org/publications/2026/other-publications/responsible-procurement-military-artificial-intelligence>

SIPRI and the Department of National Defence of Canada invite you to an open briefing on the findings and recommendations of SIPRI's report by co-author, Netta Goussac. The briefing will be followed by a moderated discussion with participants.

Speakers

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Introductory remarks

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