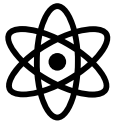
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International Cooperation & Capacity Building in AI in the Military Domain

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Why cooperate?

A lesson from nuclear security: 

- International cooperation is based on recognition of systemic risks
- **Systemic risks** go beyond local environments
- Reducing them is a matter of every State's own interest

Military AI: a different systemic risk

Distributed, less visible, harder to manage, equally dangerous.

- Emerging through systems, doctrines, data, suppliers, operators, crises
- Acceleration of decision making
- Complex attribution
- Dependency of private providers / procurement vulnerabilities
- Miscalculation / **unintended escalation**

The cost of non-cooperation

States may not know: 

- What they are buying
- What others are deploying
- What failed
- What dependency they are importing

Strategic opacity / uncertainty

From trust to predictability

In the current strategic global environment, the first goal is practical predictability.

- Agreement on procedures/ channels/ standards before full trust
- Not naïve posture
- Practical condition for avoiding miscalculation
- Serves **States' own security interests**

Capacity building: risk reduction infrastructure

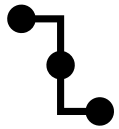
The goal is to strengthen capacities for:



- Judgment
- Evaluation
- Supervision
- Acquisition
- Auditability
- Response
- Accountability

Need for **mapping the whole life-cycle risk scheme**, step-by-step

Procurement as strategic vulnerability

A security and sovereignty matter. 

- Involves data, models, compute, cloud, physical interfaces, suppliers
- No State holds all the cards.
- Requires State-to-State cooperation
- Negotiation and **supervision of private providers**
- Capacity to prevent importing dependency

Governance before operational capacity

Priorities for **international cooperation**. Build capacity to:



- Govern
- Evaluate
- Audit
- Supervise
- Responsibly acquire

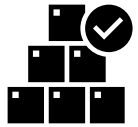
Some lessons from the nuclear domain

References to consider: 

- Inventory / traceability
- **Security by design**
- Clear accountability
- Emergency preparedness

Minimal international cooperation package

To be developed in actionable terms:

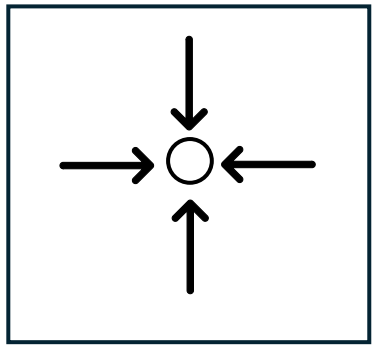


- Shared terminology
- Life-cycle risk assessment
- **Procurement due diligence**
- Auditability practices
- Incident communication channels
- Scenario-based exercises
- Secure decommissioning practices

Coherence over proliferation

A message to the expert community:

- Avoid confusing institutional activity with effective risk reduction
- Priorities should be:
  - **Convergence**
  - Coherence
  - Division of labor
  - Actionable outputs



Unmanaged military AI can make crises faster, procurement decisions weaker, responsibility blurred and escalation more likely and harder to control.

We can make these risks visible as relevant drivers of States' national interests.

