



Resolution Submitted by the Delegation of the Commonwealth of Australia

Concerning: the prohibition of Lethal Autonomous Weapons (LAWs);

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the unrestricted diffusion and the unethical uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI) worldwide, namely the ongoing military development of Lethal Autonomous Weapons (LAWs) among the member states which constitutes a grave menace if used in active battlefields, citing publications by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) regarding the weaponization of AI;

Reminding the general assembly that the use of cruel and unsafe chemical and biological weapons, as well as landmines and cluster munitions, are all banned by the decrees of the Geneva Protocol, Chemical Weapons Convention, Biological Weapons Convention, Ottawa Treaty, and Convention on Cluster Munitions, yet there are no agreements, inter alia, necessitating the regulation on weapons that kill at their discretion as do LAWs, which may potentially violate the International Humanitarian Law (IHL);

Deploring the inability of the Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons to produce assertive outcomes to either regulate or ban LAWs despite the acknowledgement of the severe risks and lethality associated with their use;

Emphasizing that the primary concern with LAWs is their ability to make autonomous decisions to engage in active warfare without human intervention, as well as their rapid progress which may materialize destructive weapon systems akin to Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) by nuclear weapons;

Decides:

1. To ban the use and production of all LAWs regardless of the extent to which AI assists them,
2. To establish a UN definition of LAWs as a type of autonomous military robot that can independently search, select, and engage targets according to and beyond programmed constraints and descriptions,
3. To establish UNCLAW (United Nations Commission on Lethal Autonomous Weapons) as a subsidiary body under the UN secretariat to enforce the previous clauses, which further decides to:
 - a. Appoint specialized weapon inspection officers trained in advanced computer science to implement sensitive software anti-proliferation schemes to prevent the leakage of sensitive AI automation tools to rogue states and terrorists,
 - b. Designate the Compliance Monitoring Unit (CMU) under UNCLAW led by 17 executive officials representing each geopolitical region according to the UN geoscheme in a bid to strictly monitor the member states' compliance with clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4, acknowledging that this resolution can neither be effective nor result-oriented if not adequately binding and enforced,
 - c. Grant CMU executive officials the plenipotentiary right to proceed with immediate sanctions as specified herein whenever a violation is detected and peer-reviewed,
 - d. Obligate the member states to promptly report any cases in which AI has autonomously jeopardized the life and/or wellbeing of a human being(s), and either temporarily or permanently abort its development based on simple majority after a thorough investigation by the agents of UNCLAW,
4. To impose an arms embargo against the faulting nation, specifically on technology pertaining to or suspected to have aided the development of LAWs,
5. To adopt an innovative financing mechanism to fund UNCLAW, in which solidarity levy with rates $\leq 1\%$ will be imposed on goods and services that pertain to AI development purchased by the consumers of the member states under defined tax thresholds based on World Bank GNI per capita data.

(English Text is Binding)