



**National Statement, delivered by Ms. Murk Abro, during the Interactive Dialogue with the SR
on Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**
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Mr. President,

We thank the SR and acknowledge the importance of thematic focus of his report and his contributions to the key challenges posed by lethal autonomous weapons systems to international human rights law.

We agree that the existing normative framework is insufficient to effectively address the humanitarian, legal and security challenges of military applications of AI, including the lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS).

Further discussion in the human rights framework is needed to understand the human rights impacts of military applications of the AI.

The weapons systems which can take decisions on the use of force without human control and do not enable a human user to understand, predict and explain the decisions on the use of force should be legally prohibited.

Automated killing is fundamentally at odds with human dignity.

For the other weapon systems that may not be prohibited, there is a pressing need to develop legal framework to ensure that the development, deployment and potential use of these weapons strictly conforms to IHL principles and states' human rights obligations.

On the SR's report on 'protection of the dead', we echo some of his concerns and note his recommendations.

In this context, we wish to point out that the atrocities committed using AI based systems as well as discovery of mass graves, in Occupied Gaza, deserve further attention and investigation.

I thank you.