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Statement by Stop Killer Robots
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Thank you Chair.

We welcome the recognition in Box V of the need to ensure individual responsibility and accountability.

As with our comments on Box IV, we welcome the elaboration in Box V of some of the elements and requirements that can contribute to users' functional understanding of systems - a key part of meaningful human control - and which will therefore promote responsibility and accountability.

The only way that meaningful responsibility and accountability can be possible when it comes to increasing autonomy in weapons systems is if there is meaningful human control over weapons systems. Without such control, accountability for harm from autonomous weapons systems cannot be assigned in a way that serves justice to the victims of such systems. Nor can it be enacted in a way that will be fair to a system's users. Only a human user that adequately understands a system and its anticipated effects, and applies limits to its use, can be reasonably held accountable for the outcomes of using a system.

Robust, clear, legal, rules to ensure meaningful human control remain the most important tool towards ensuring responsibility and accountability for autonomous weapons systems.

We urge states to continue to move forward to enshrine such rules in an international legally binding instrument.

Thank you Chair.