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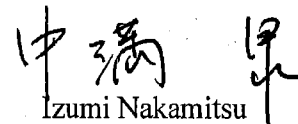
Dear Ms. Wareham,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2017 to the Secretary-General concerning fully autonomous weapons. I apologise for my delay in responding on the Secretary-General's behalf.

Like you, the United Nations is closely following developments related to the prospect of weapon systems that can autonomously select and engage targets, with concern that technological developments may outpace normative deliberations. The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is to be congratulated for its efforts to bring the troubling trend of autonomy in weapons to the notice of the international community.

Given the potential humanitarian, legal, ethical and security concerns posed by lethal autonomous weapon systems, inclusive and comprehensive dialogue is essential. The creation of a Group of Governmental Experts in the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) is a welcome step in the right direction. The United Nations hopes that the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots will continue its strong engagement with that process and encourage Member States to make meaningful progress toward a shared understanding on how to ensure the core values of the international community are safeguarded in this context.

I look forward to continued cooperation between your campaign and my Office on this matter.



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