

Mister President,

Germany welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Christof Heyns. It is a meaningful contribution to a growing, highly necessary debate. We will carefully examine its recommendations.

In a first analysis, let me highlight the following recommendations:

- States should subscribe to a commitment to abide by international Law: international Humanitarian Law (IHL) as *lex specialis* in all situations of armed conflict and, where applicable, international human rights law IHL has to be observed while studying, developing, acquiring or adopting new weapons or means of warfare, be they manned or unmanned; it sets certain limits to the use of fully autonomous weapon systems.
- States should be as transparent as possible regarding the evaluation of new weapon technology. We welcome the growing debate. We believe that additional transparency measures should be taken into consideration. Germany strongly supports the idea to include unmanned systems in national reports to the UN Register of Conventional Arms. Further steps should be considered.
- Participate in an international debate. Share best practices with other states. We have taken note of the recommendation to establish a High Level Panel on Lethal Autonomous Robotics tasked to publish a report on the technological framework and ethics of LARs and making recommendations regarding policy issues. Great care should be laid down on the drafting of its terms and mandate in order to make it a workable body.

Thank you.