

The statement delivered by

Islamic Republic of Iran

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Clustered ID with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced

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Mr. President,

My delegation takes positive note of the main topic of the report submitted by the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and shares his concern with respect to the Lethal Autonomous Robotics (LARs) as well as his respective recommendations to states, the United Nations and stakeholders which need careful and thorough consideration.

Mr. President

We are of the view that the nature of LARs technology makes accountability and legal responsibility for states in general, as well as subordinates in their systems.

As the Special Rapportour demonstrated in his report, robotic systems with various degrees of autonomy and lethality are currently in use by some countries specifically by the United States of America. These current inhumane uses of LARs in many parts of the world like Pakistan, Afghanistan and other places by direct and classified order of the United States authorities should have been condemned by the SR in the present report.

With regard use of LARS, My delegation would like to raise a following question to SR:

What kind of immediate reactions can be done by international community on the current violations of International humanitarian law as well as human rights in this respect?

Mr. President

My delegation also expresses its concern on some references that the SR made to my country on a biased manner and without incorporating the responses of my government.

In concluding, my delegation will endeavor to do so in dialogue with the special Rapporteur and continues its cooperation and response to his communications as before.

Thank you