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Given the complex and constant development of new technologies that can be applied to lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS), it is necessary for the United Nations to continue to facilitate research and intergovernmental talks to decide how to handle this issue. Although versions of autonomous weapons have existed for decades, they have become much more advanced in recent years, and the time has come to make an international decision on how they should be regulated.

As of now, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has stated that they fully support the use of LAWS. Even going as far as saying, "There should be more global production of LAWS and no resistance to restricting LAWS." The delegate continued on, talking about how the technology is so new that the regulation on LAWS would be counterproductive in analyzing the technology.

When the DPRK delegate was asked if they had any plans in the present or future to use LAWS in the demilitarized zone along the North and South Korea border, they shared that the country is already using autonomous weapons in that area.

In addition, the Republic of Korea prefers to add no restrictions to LAWS, as they would use them for protection purposes. As well as the DPRK, the Republic of Korea also has autonomous weapons within the demilitarized zone - this essentially evens out the weapons on both sides.

Despite Korea's preference for no restrictions, the use of LAWS still brings up ethical dilemmas and problems for the country. Even with the controversy, the Republic of Korea is going all in on the development and production of LAWS by adopting the use of artificial intelligence and autonomous weapon systems.

As these countries go further into developing autonomous weapons, we should continue to participate in international talks to limit the chance for LAWS to become the next arms race.