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I would have never thought I would live to see UAVs with warfare capabilities and be piloted using Artificial intelligence with no human intervention. Picture a weapon that can choose when to fire without anyone pressing a button. This isn't just a concept from the future; it's a reality today. Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems, or LAWS, are capable of identifying targets and launching attacks using artificial intelligence, sometimes without direct human input. While some governments view these weapons as a safer, more efficient option, we believe that they pose a serious danger and should not be used in conventional warfare.

LAWS claim they're making warfare safer for soldiers. Deploying machines into conflict zones means fewer troops are required on the front lines, taking the stress off in both ways. The U.S. Department of Defense suggests that using autonomous weapons could reduce human errors and enable quicker responses in battle. However, just because something is faster doesn't automatically mean it's better or safer for civilians.

One major concern about LAWS is that they put human lives in the hands of machines. These systems operate based on algorithms rather than human judgment. The Stockholm International

Peace Research Institute has cautioned that AI-driven weapons can mistakenly label civilians as threats, and when only one target is being sought out, this can be a major concern. In recent conflicts, civilians already account for about 90% of casualties, says the United Nations. Therefore, introducing autonomous weapons could push that number even higher.

That is precisely why the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) was established. It's an international framework aimed at preventing weapons that inflict unnecessary suffering or harm on civilians. Different countries are now pushing for strict regulations or a complete ban on fully autonomous weapons, arguing that a human should always have responsibility for decisions about life and death when it comes to warfare.

Rather than racing to create more powerful machines, nations need to prioritize safety by doing proper testing and perfecting the machines and technologies involved. This is a necessity to have with these machines. Transparency, and accountability are also vital, countries communicating and knowing who has what, and regulations are universally known. The United Nations needs to step in now to develop clear rules ensuring human control over all LAWS. Ultimately, this isn't only about technology; it's about our lives. War inflicts enough pain as it is. We shouldn't allow machines to determine who lives and who dies. Human judgment is required to come first when lives are on the line.