AALCO-ICRC Seminar on Autonomous Weapon Systems, Artificial Intelligence and Armed Conflict

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We live in an age when Artificial Intelligence **(**AI) powers critical areas of our life ranging from simple things like the posts filtered into our news feeds each morning, to more complex applications in law enforcement, transport, and medicine. Perhaps the most controversial application is the software-control underlying increasingly autonomous weapons systems – weapons that – using their sensors and on-board algorithms – can select and attack targets without human intervention. In other words, they can self-initiate attacks.

The Seminar, jointly organized by Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), will explore the current and potential use of AI in weapon systems and in warfare more broadly, and discuss the implications for ensuring respect for International Humanitarian Law (IHL). It raises complex questions which will require future deliberations and discussions including with AALCO Member States to collectively progress these issues while keeping IHL obligations, human control over weapon systems and our collective considerations of humanity at the forefront.

The Seminar is open to representatives of the Member States of AALCO, diplomats, lawyers and academics. Those interested in attending the seminar are requested to register before 24 December 2018 by sending an email to seminar@aalco.int

The details including topics of lectures and speakers will be updated soon.