COMMITTEE: International Security and Disarmament

QUESTION OF: The continued use of Drones in Warfare

MAIN SUBMITTERS: United Arab Emirates

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DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE,

***Stating*** that drones have caused significant collateral damage to innocents that the lives of civilians have been jeopardized in areas where drone warfare has taken place, with an average of a one out of five ratio of casualties being innocent civilians,

***Noting*** further that unlike humans, drones can be stolen or function abnormally, causing a range of problems, such as unintentional weapon fire, and that drones do not have any means of confirming whether a target is innocent or not,

***Bearing in mind*** the benefits of using drones in warfare, in terms of ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) which are entirely logistical in their nature,

1. ***Suggests***that the United Nations- approved usage of drones be limited to:
   1. scientific research by esteemed scientific institutions which have to be approved by government regulatory bodies to ensure safe management of potentially harmful technology,
   2. for the purposes of ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance),
   3. Humanitarian aid;
2. **Urges** member states to regulate the usage of their drone program in ways (in order to minimize civilian casualties) such as, but not limited to:
   1. A decreased blast radius,
   2. Increased accuracy,
   3. Working and sensitive equipment,
   4. Appropriate intelligence operations to ensure the elimination of the correct targets;
3. **Requests** all countries to limit the manufacturing and production of armed drones;
4. **Encourages** makers of drones to ascertain that the design of their (unarmed) drones cannot be modified into weapons of mass destruction by means such as but not limited to:
   1. Audits by authorities such as but not limited to:
      1. UN mandated organisations,
      2. Relevant state bodies,
      3. UN authorised Non Governmental Organisations authorities such as but not limited to:
         1. International Technology and Arms Society (I.T.A.S)
         2. Drone Watch,
         3. Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (A.U.V.S.I);