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Dear Edwina Hughes

Thank you for your letter of 6 June 2014 on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS).

New Zealand welcomed the opportunity to attend the Convention on Conventional Weapons Meeting of Experts on LAWS in May 2014 and we were pleased that so many others also took part in this important discussion.

You will know that most delegations at that meeting emphasised that there are many issues to be explored and worked through in order to better understand the possible characteristics and consequences of this potential weapon system – and emphasised that it is premature to determine at this point where the discussions might lead.

I expect work to continue work on this issue including at the CCW Meeting of High Contracting Parties in November.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Murray McCully', written over a large, stylized, light-colored scribble.

Hon Murray McCully
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