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There is an urgent need for greater awareness and international dialogue on Artificial Intelligence’s role in nuclear risk reduction – a topic yet to be widely discussed noted Dr. Andrey Pavlov, Professor at Saint Petersburg State University, Russia, said on the second day of the international workshop on international security hosted by the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) in collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Geneva. Notable statesmen, think tank professionals, academics, foreign policy experts and students participated in the workshop.

Dr. Andrey Pavlov underlined a critical perspective on Artificial Intelligence in nuclear weapons command and control, consequently, is necessitate P5 states to include AI in their strategic discussions. Also, there is a pressing need for greater awareness about the implications of AI among population.

Mauro Vignati, Advisor New Digital Technologies of warfare, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) noted that it is very difficult, nearly impossible, to draw a distinction in virtual space between combatant and non- combatant. Thus, International Law principles does not apply to digital domains as they have been applied in physical. Non-state actors had already complicated the global geo-political landscape and now non state actors, operating in digital domain, further complicates the situation and produce challenges for the notion of responsible state behaviour.

Oves Anwar, Director Research Society of International Law (RSIL), said that it has become increasingly difficult to defend international law as it has 'spectacularly' failed to stop atrocities. IHL instead has been routinely used as a fig leaf to perpetuate atrocities by powerful entities. The principle of proportionately though a well-settled norm for centuries is always twisted, and

a room is found for maneuvering. Just legal binding agreements are not enough but a well-accepted international instrument with clear & categorized definitions should be established. There is a lack of consensus on forming a global cyber framework, as witnessed by reduction in legal cyber treaties over the years. Different states have different capabilities & motives for not making a universal cyber security work. Since Global South has little participation in policy making in cyber domain, they should be aware of bloc politics involved and stay active.

Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS noted that Pakistan has a history of responsible state behaviours. Pakistan used to sponsor two important resolutions in United Nation that earned widespread support in UN general Assembly. One was to establish the NWFZ in South Asia, while Pakistan always shows advocacy for non-proliferation of nuclear weapon.