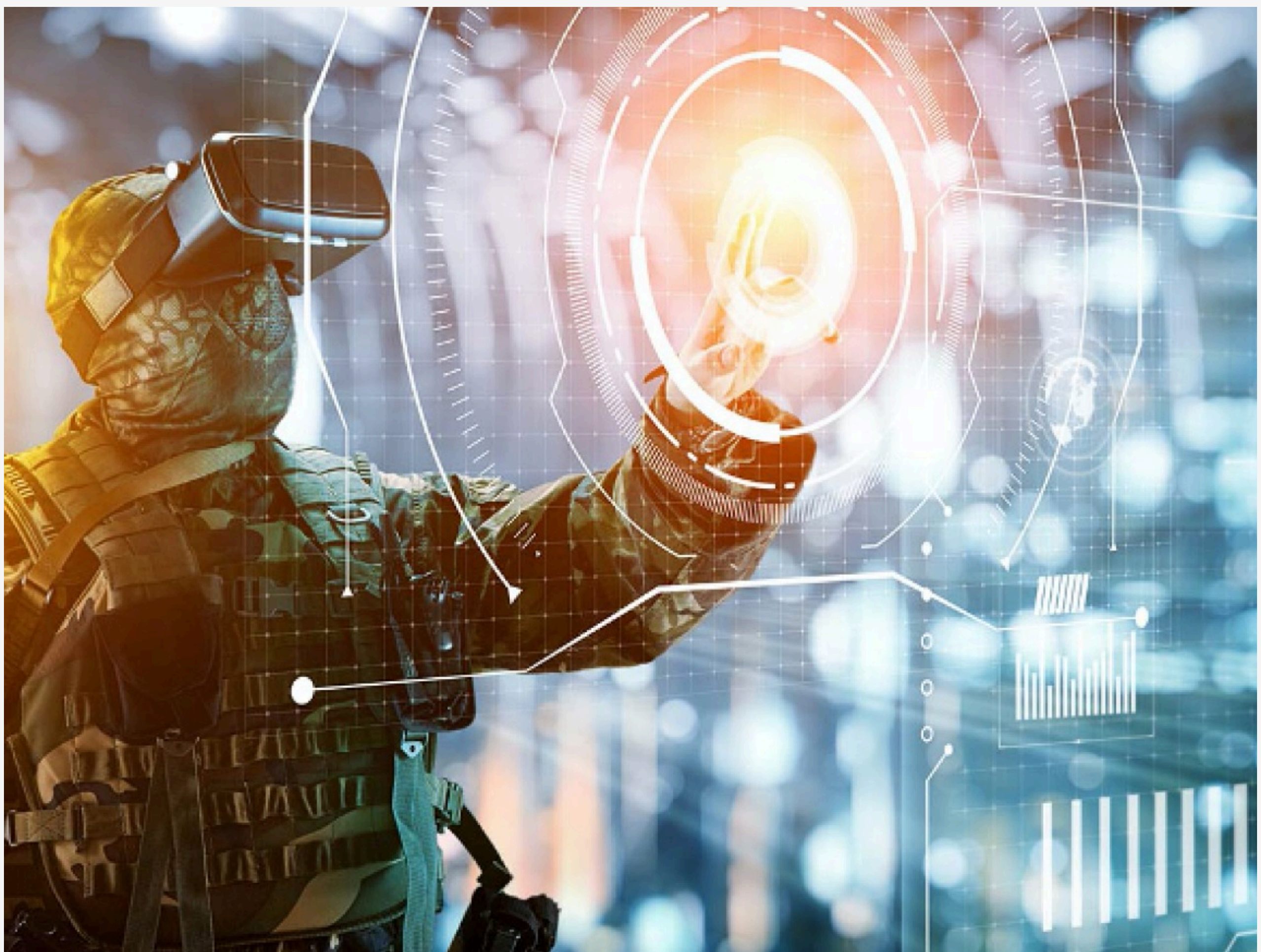


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Topic 1: Mitigating the Threat of Cyber Warfare

The increasing reliance on digital infrastructure has heightened the threat of cyber warfare, posing significant risks to national security and global stability. Cyber attacks can cripple critical systems, from government operations to financial markets, and can be conducted by state and non-state actors alike. The challenge lies in establishing effective international norms and agreements to prevent and respond to such threats. This involves understanding the complexities of cyber warfare, including the identification of cyber threats, the roles and responsibilities of different actors, and the development of robust defensive measures. Additionally, fostering international cooperation is crucial to create a unified response against cyber threats. By exploring current vulnerabilities and proposing comprehensive strategies, the Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) aims to enhance global cybersecurity and mitigate the risks associated with cyber warfare.



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Topic 2: Controlling the Proliferation of Autonomous Weapon Systems

The rapid advancement of autonomous weapon systems (AWS) presents a new frontier in modern warfare, raising significant ethical, legal, and security concerns. These systems, capable of making independent targeting decisions without human intervention, challenge existing international humanitarian laws and norms. The potential for misuse by state and non-state actors, along with the difficulty in establishing accountability for their actions, underscores the urgent need for international regulation.

Addressing this issue requires a thorough examination of the implications of AWS on global security, including their potential to escalate conflicts and the ethical considerations of delegating life-and-death decisions to machines. DISEC must work towards developing a comprehensive framework that includes strict guidelines and regulations to control the proliferation and use of autonomous weapon systems, ensuring they are integrated into global defense strategies responsibly and ethically.

