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European Democratic Multilateralism in Shaping Global Military AI Governance

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A notable absence of globally acknowledged governance frameworks for overseeing the comprehensive life cycle of military AI

In 2023, two initiatives intriguingly came into existence simultaneously:

1. **Global Summit on Responsible Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain (REAIM)**
2. **Political Declaration on Responsible Military Use of Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy**



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Political Declaration on Responsible Military Use of Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy (February 2023)

Initiator: **USA**

Endorsing States: **51 countries** (As of January 2024)

- Military AI governance outside the confines of the UN
- American leadership
- Sino-American strategic rivalries
- State-level
- Reinforcing vision / Building coalition



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Global Summit on Responsible Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain (REAIM)
(February 2023)

Conveners: **NL & RoK**

Endorsing states: **57 countries**

- Decentralized → Bottom-up
- Depoliticized → Inclusive, multistakeholder
- Democratic → (?)



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Democratic Multilateralism

- ✓ Legal empathy
- ✓ Ambitious-cum-humble mindset
- ✓ Differentiation

