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**Mr. Chairperson,**

Algeria has always supported general and complete disarmament and has actively worked towards achieving the objectives of disarmament and non-proliferation of all forms of weapons of mass destruction, in accordance with its international commitments and its position in favor of international peace and security.

Algeria regards the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) as a key component of the disarmament architecture and condemns any use of chemical weapons, by anyone, for whatever reason, and under any circumstances. Algeria fully supports the implementation of its provisions at national, regional and international level.

At the national level, Algeria has mobilized its relevant authorities to implement the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and established a national authority which enabled the development and the implementation of national legislations and regulations for the implementation of the CWC. The national authority in Algeria has acquired experience and expertise and continues to enhance the skills of various stakeholders in the country to ensure the full implementation of the Convention's provisions.

In this regard, a twinning project has been initiated between the Algerian Institute of Criminalistics and Criminology of the National Gendarmerie and the German Research Institute for Protective Technologies and Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Protection, in collaboration with the Secretariat with the aim of integrating the OPCW network for designated laboratories. We seize the opportunity of our gathering to announce with great appreciation the signature of the twinning Mou during this session with the Secretariat in one hand and the

German delegation in another hand. We commend the collective efforts of all parties involved that have led to the signing of the twinning Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) scheduled to take place tomorrow on 16 May 2023 and express our gratitude to the Secretariat for facilitating the signatory process and organizing the ceremony of signature.

At the regional level, Algeria actively supports South-South cooperation and stands ready to share the best practices and accomplishments of its national authorities with African countries in our region and sub-region, regarding the Convention's implementation. In line with this commitment, our National Authority facilitated mentorship visits for representatives from Niger and Burkina Faso in 2012 and 2014, respectively, through the OPCW Mentorship Programme. We look forward to resuming the project, which commenced in 2019 with the national authority of Mali but was postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Algeria has also successfully organized, in collaboration with the OPCW Technical Secretariat, the annual "training course on conducting sampling and analysis in a highly contaminated environment for African States", in Algiers last December. We look forward to organizing in collaboration with the Secretariat a bigger event in Algiers, the multi-component chemical emergency response capacity-building exercise for the Africa region ("CHEMEX Africa"), to be held, from 23 September to 04 October 2023. It will consist of theoretical and practical sessions that aim to strengthening the capacity building and transfer of knowledge and expertise between African experts.

Algeria is organizing today May 15, 2023 a side event at the margin of the 5<sup>th</sup> review conference to allow interaction with the Algerian National Authority on its in order to share the progress made in the preparatory process of this important event.

Last but not least, Algeria is looking forward the concretization of the initiative of the OPCW to create regional centers of excellence on the African continent which we are convinced is likely to contribute to strengthening cooperation between African countries and improving the performance of their national entities. My country has supported it since its launch, and I seize this opportunity to reiterate Algeria's full willingness to host the Centre for the North Africa and Sahel region.