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Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, CWC Coalition Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

ArgIQ is a non-profit organization with the objective of spreading, through academic activities, the Information Quality methodology to Argentina and other Spanish-speaking countries.

The Information Quality methodology provides us with new tools for managing information, creating a new concept that goes from data collection to its transformation into information, intelligence and knowledge.

This work methodology is always advancing in all fields of knowledge, which can be used for business decision-making and applied in different types of scientific research.

We are living in the information era, in a world where having the right information at the right time means having the power. And because of that, having good information is critical. Because of that, we work very hard to find the way to develop tools and methodologies to better work in the information ecosystem we have today.

From the past few years, we are working on the development, testing and implementation of new methodologies to analyze different problems and specifically those related to the dual use field of chemical weapons as well as other WMD-related areas. Our tool goes from problem framing to multiple hypothesis testing while dealing with multiple sources of information -specially when the results are inconsistent. So far, we tested our methodology on the analysis of the problem of chemical terrorism and it was very successful.

We are working now in the development of new models for indicators related to the chemical and biological arena and also new tools to weigh the different opinions and

sources of information, especially for situations where there are inconsistencies and lack of information is dominant.

We helped on the organization of the Second CBRNe South America Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina on March 7, 2018. This was a free event with international experts, where the region was able to exchange with some of the top experts in the field as well as equipment providers. Over 100 participants attended to it and considering the positive outcome, we are thinking about organizing a second one during 2019, by ourselves, with the support of the equipment providers present in the country.

Participating in our CWC Coalition, our three Open Forums, and this Review Conference plenary session allows us all to grow and to combine our experience with other representatives of the NGO community.

Thank you for your attention, and I request that this statement be made part of the final Review Conference record.