

AGEND ITEM NINE – Status of implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Subitem 9(d): Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

In multilateral fora, San Marino usually does not co-sponsor single country targeted measures, regardless of the format of these measures (decisions, resolutions, etc.), because of its history of peace and long-standing diplomatic tradition of non-confrontation.

However, in this specific circumstance, San Marino has decided to co-sponsor draft decision C25/DEC/CRP.10 before us because we are facing not only a flagrant violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) but we are facing also several attempts to undermine the professionalism and competence of the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW, which San Marino fully supports.

Mr. Chairman,

In a few words, San Marino stands with the accuracy, reliability and non-politicization of the insights and findings of the competent technical bodies of the OPCW, in particular the Investigation and Identification Team (IIT).