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of Algeria to OPCW at the 109 session of the OPCW Executive
Council**

**Item 6(e) Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use
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Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation would like to express its thanks to the Director General for the comprehensive information provided about the efforts of the technical secretariat on monitoring the situation in Ukraine at its request.

We take note of the three (03) reports on the visits made by the Technical Secretariat in Ukraine. The confirmation in their conclusions of the presence of riot control agent (CS) in samples collected is quite concerning being prohibited for use as a method of warfare under the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The use of these chemical agents poses a serious risk to both civilians and the environment. We therefore urge the Technical Secretariat to maintain its vigilance, continue monitoring the situation closely, and keep States Parties regularly informed of any new developments. We also take note that the Secretariat currently has two requests for assistance under consideration, and we encourage a timely and transparent handling of these matters, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

We also urge both parties to the conflict, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, to work towards bringing an end to their dispute and to uphold the integrity and well-being of their citizens. The International Community should assist them in prioritizing dialogue as the principal means of resolving their conflict, through a constructive process aimed at achieving a solution that takes into account their security concerns.

Finally My delegation wishes to reiterate its principled and unequivocal position. We condemn the use of chemical weapons anywhere, by anyone, under any circumstances.

Thank you