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**Statement by the Algerian Delegation to the 109 session of the
Executive Council of the OPCW on item 8, countering Chemical
terrorism
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Mr. Chairperson,

In a world facing several security threats, Chemical terrorism is identified among the most challenging risks that pose serious challenges to national, regional and global security. This threat is more aggravated by other factors such as the multiplication of conflicts in different parts of the world and the advance in emerging technologies

Nowadays, artificial intelligence tools such as chemical synthesis and drones can make the possible use of chemical weapons by terrorist groups and non-state actors easier. With this, the threat of chemical weapons reemergence becomes more possible as Chemical Weapons can at any time fall in wrong hands.

We highly commend the efforts of the OPCW in fighting chemical terrorism through several ways especially by reinforcing capacities of SP in preventing responding to chemical incidents. Through these actions our organization is providing valuable contribution to the global efforts in countering terrorism, at the same time preventing chemical weapons proliferation and re-emergence.

We renew our appreciation to the work of OEWG on Terrorism under the chairmanship of the Ambassador of South Africa that allows open and constructive discussions on the topic. It is necessary in this regard, to involve different stakeholders including, industry representatives and centers of research and to foster cooperation with other international organizations especially UN specialized agencies. This will enable, among others the exchange of experiences and ensure more efficiency and synergy in their action as illustrated in the previous meeting of the OEWG-T to which the representative of the UN office on terrorism has presented the efforts made under this body.

Algeria reaffirms its commitment to contribute in the efforts of the organization. We recall, in this regard the large scale Chemex Africa held in Algiers in 2023 and welcome the announcement of Chemex Africa II in 2025 and Chemex GRULAC. Algeria is ready to share its experience from the 1st edition and to build on the main achievements of this successful event.

We underline also the Table-Top exercise on chemical terrorism as well as the action plan which highlights its conclusions and take-away. Algeria has contributed in the exercise and shared the experience gained from CHEMEX Africa I.

In addition, Algeria is regularly organizing in cooperation with the TS the specialized exercise on Sampling and analysis in a highly contaminated environment for African countries whose main goal is to reinforce expert's capacities in detecting and preventing chemical weapons use including in case of terrorist attacks.

Furthermore, the establishment of the NICC as an OPCW designated laboratory, the only one so far in Africa provides an added value in supporting the efforts aiming to reinforcing verification capabilities and responding to chemical incidents. The NICC is committed to put its experience at the service of the OPCW and to benefit countries in Africa and in our region.

My delegation stands ready to contribute in further discussions on the matter.

Thank you for your attention