
**JOINT NORDIC STATEMENT AT THE
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AGENDA ITEM 9(d) – ADDRESSING THE THREAT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS USE

Thank you Mr. Chair,

The Nordic States Parties fully align themselves with the European Union statement, and I have the honour to make the following additional remarks on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden, and my own country Norway.

Chair,

We unequivocally condemn Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. Russia's brutal aggression is a violation of international law, including the United Nations Charter. Our commitment to Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity remains resolute.

Chair,

We condemn Russia's use of chemical weapons against Ukraine. The reports from three OPCW Technical Assistance Visits (TAV) confirm the presence of the riot control agent "CS" in battlefield samples. The TAV reports show a clear pattern: riot control agents are being used as a method of warfare in direct violation of the prohibitions outlined in Article I of the Convention.

We further condemn Russia's use of the choking agent chloropicrin against Ukraine – a prohibited Schedule 3 toxic chemical that evokes the darkest chapters of World War I.

Chair,

This is not a mere technicality. Russia is undermining the very integrity of the Convention. Every breach left unaddressed erodes its foundation and risks further proliferation. This should concern all of us and deserve our strongest condemnation. That is precisely why we support the Technical

Secretariat's continued engagement with Ukraine on this issue. We fully support the call for the OPCW to timely attribute responsibility for the proven use of RCAs as chemical weapons. We cannot turn a blind eye to evidence of Chemical Weapons use from a State Party. Preserving the Convention necessitates ensuring accountability – without exception.

It is exactly for this reason we continue to reiterate our call on Russia to credibly respond to the formal inquiries under Article IX paragraph 2 of the Convention, following the attempted assassination of Alexei Navalny through the use of a nerve agent of the “Novichok” group.

[I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of this session and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.]

Thank you
