



Statement by the Algerian Delegation

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OPCW**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

The topic of emerging technologies, of which Artificial Intelligence (A.I) constitutes an increasingly significant component, remains central to understanding the evolving environment in which the Chemical Weapons Convention is implemented.

Artificial Intelligence has become an undeniable global reality, offering important opportunities while also raising legitimate concerns for international peace and security.

We commend the Director-General for launching timely reflections on the implications of Artificial Intelligence in the work of the OPCW and for mobilizing scientific expertise through various mechanisms, including the Scientific Advisory Board.

These efforts are essential to ensuring that the Organization remains responsive and adaptable to technological developments.

In this regard, we look forward to the final reports of the SAB ad-hoc groups on Artificial Intelligence and on Chemical Forensics, which we trust will provide valuable insights to guide our collective reflections and future actions.

We are convinced that AI can constructively support the implementation of the CWC.

The Algerian delegation is of the view that, to be efficient, artificial intelligence is worth considering for its potential to optimize the verification

regime, reinforce safety and security management systems within the chemical industry, and facilitate both the analysis and the restoration of deteriorated documents related to the Abandoned Chemical Weapons (ACW).

At the same time, we remain mindful that emerging technologies could also be misused by terrorist groups and non-state actors for prohibited purposes, making careful assessment of associated risks indispensable.

For this reason, reflections on Artificial Intelligence could appropriately be addressed under different agenda items. Opportunities relating to scientific cooperation and technological advancement may be examined under ICA and Article XI, whereas challenges linked to security, misuse, or terrorism could fall within the working group on terrorism.

Mr. Chairperson,

Algeria is firmly committed to the responsible, ethical, and strategic development of emerging technologies. The country has adopted a National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence aimed at advancing research, strengthening national expertise and promoting innovation.

The scientific and technological hub of Sidi Abdellah in Algiers—home to the National Higher School of Artificial Intelligence and several specialized research centres—illustrates Algeria's efforts to reinforce its national capacities and ensure a secure and beneficial use of A.I.

Finally, we remain convinced that emerging technologies, when governed responsibly and made accessible to all States Parties, can positively contribute to the implementation of the Convention and strengthen international cooperation.

Algeria will continue to engage constructively in these discussions and support collective efforts to address both the opportunities and the challenges posed by Artificial Intelligence.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.