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We recognize that advances in science and technology, including AI, can have a significant impact on the implementation of the CWC. In this regard, we highly value the continued attention and focus of the TS and, in particular, the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) on emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and chemical forensics. These efforts represent important steps in ensuring that both the OPCW and the Convention remain fit for purpose in an era of rapidly evolving science and technology.

As highlighted consistently in recent meetings and reports, we note the dual nature of AI – both as an enabling tool for peaceful chemistry and verification, and as a potential source of new risks to the chemical weapons prohibition regime. In this context, we welcome the work of the SAB temporary working group on AI and look forward to its findings and recommendations in the upcoming report.

We believe that by embracing technological challenges and opportunities alike, we can further strengthen the Convention and our collective ability to prevent the use of chemical weapons.

Thank you. /END/