



STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
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I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the European Union (EU).

Andorra, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.

Mr. Chairperson,

The European Union welcomes the work by the Scientific Advisory Body (SAB) and the Secretariat to map out the ramifications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its associated risks and opportunities to the object and purpose of the Convention. We believe this should continue to be an inclusive process with active participation of all States Parties and input from external experts and civil society.

In this context, the EU welcomes the end of mandate report of the SAB's Temporary Working Group on Artificial Intelligence. Its findings and recommendations embrace areas such as monitoring, outreach and engagement, verification, organisational readiness, training and capacity-building. These are key to the effective implementation of the Convention. In a field as dynamic as AI, it is of utmost importance that the current state of research and AI applications are thoroughly and continuously monitored and assessed by experts.

The EU looks forward to the final report of the AI Research Challenge, as well as the end of mandate report of the SAB Temporary Working Group on Chemical Forensics in the months to come and addressing their recommendations. The EU has been proud to support this work financially. We stand ready to support further efforts by the SAB and the Secretariat to inform future policy discussions and decisions on developments related to emerging technologies, including through continued voluntary financial contributions.

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