



**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of India to the
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Item 8: Emerging Technologies**

Mr. Chair,

Our delegation attaches importance to international cooperation in the peaceful uses of science and technology, in accordance with Articles VI and XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). The effective and non-discriminatory implementation of these provisions remains an essential component of the Convention.

We note the efforts of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in addressing issues related to Artificial Intelligence (AI), and we take note of the recommendations contained in the report of the Scientific Advisory Board's Temporary Working Group on AI.

We look forward to consultations among States Parties to examine these recommendations and assess their practical implementation.

With respect to some of the recommendations, we stress that any integration of AI into the Secretariat's work must remain consistent with the objects and purpose of the Convention and preserve human oversight, institutional accountability, and the integrity of the verification regime.

In our deliberations, it is essential to assess both the benefits and the risks associated with AI. While AI may enhance efficiency and analytical capacity, its application must ensure data security and consistency with existing benchmarks for the verification requirements under the Convention.

Such discussions should include consideration of the financial implications, resource requirements, and the potential impact on the functioning, structure, and priorities of the Technical Secretariat.

In this respect, I am pleased to share that several States Parties have endorsed the Framework for the Trusted AI Commons as an

outcome of the AI Impact Summit hosted by India last month. The voluntary and non-binding Framework aims to lower barriers to AI adoption and make AI actionable rather than aspirational by serving as an open, comprehensive repository that supports the responsible and trustworthy design, development, and deployment of AI.

The Trusted AI Commons provides a useful approach for the integration of AI in implementing the CWC. Lowering technical and resource barriers is essential to enabling all States Parties to strengthen their national implementation regimes and to benefit equitably from advances in science and technology, consistent with the objects and purpose of the Convention.

Separately, there have also been discussions regarding updating or revising the need for ethical oversight and transparency, and the integration of AI ethics into OPCW education and outreach strategies. This important matter deserves wider merits and inclusive deliberation among States Parties.

Thank you, Mr. Chair
