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Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

ArgIQ is a non-profit organization with the objective of spreading, through academic activities, the Information Quality methodology to Argentina and other Spanish-speaking countries.

The Information Quality methodology provides us with new tools for managing information, creating a new concept that goes from data collection to its transformation into information, intelligence, and knowledge.

This work methodology is always advancing in all fields of knowledge, which can be used for business decision-making and applied in different types of scientific research.

Considering that some of our members combine the information quality knowledge with the chemical weapons one, we have been able to carry out several interesting projects.

Since our presentation last year at CSP19, we started several projects along with colleagues we met here. Among them we can mention:

- The development of a form to report CW attacks in Syria. This scheme allows the reporter to mention facts to be reported separately from their comments and feelings of the event. In this way, the facts are easy to be included in a database and make it clearer to present the local situation. This project was made with Kaspar Haller from Green Cross Switzerland.
- The development of a framework to report local implementation of the CWC. This project was developed with Danilo Campisi from the OPCW. We started with the GRULAC region as a pilot case study.
- The development of a special Course for the African NGO on CW prevention and raising awareness. We developed this project with Barthelemy Tchepnang from CAJAD, Cameroon. He is here as well and we plan to continue working in this project, raising funds to make it a reality.

Besides these three endeavors, we continue working to monitor and report the situation regarding the use of chemical and biological weapons by the FARCs and ELN in Colombia.

We also received a proposal for the development of a special course on Non-Conventional Risks in Cities focused in Buenos Aires. We are working on this and we are planning to start it during 2016.

Participating in the annual Conference of States Parties has allowed us to grow and to combine our experience with other representatives of the NGO community. Thank you for allowing us to be part of this and to present our work.

Thank you for your attention, and I request that this statement be made part of the final CSP record and posted on the external server and website.