Maria Jose Espona ArgIQ – Information Quality in Argentina 22nd CWC Conference of States Parties Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons The Hague, The Netherlands 27 November- 1 December 2016

Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, CWC Coalition Colleagues, 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 were able to carry out several interesting projects.

We will present on Wednesday at the Open Forum 2 the first findings of a study on chemical terrorism. This research was made possible with the support of Green Cross Switzerland. To perform this study and in order to really understand what chemical terrorism is really about and to make some hypothesis about the future of it, we applied a series of methodological tools that helps to avoid the distortions caused by the research and material available bias.

We are also helping to organize the Second CBRNe South America in Buenos Aires, Argentina on March 7, 2018. This is a free event with international experts, where the region will be able to exchange with some of the top experts in the field as well as equipment providers. This event gains relevance considering that during 2018 we will have in Buenos Aires the Youth Olympics and the first G20 Summit in the region.

Participating in this CWC Coalition Open Forum and this plenary session allows 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, however briefly, to you.

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