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on behalf of H.E. Ambassador Salima Abdelhak Permanent
Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**

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Mr. Chairperson,

The OPCW core mandate is the elimination of chemical weapons use, preventing their proliferation and re- emergence. Being aware of the risks of chemical terrorism, the Organisation has engaged in contributing in the global efforts aiming at countering chemical terrorism.

It is evident that chemical terrorism continues to be one of the major risks of re-mergence, especially with the exacerbation of conflicts, threatening consequently the collective efforts aiming at preserving peace and security at national, regional and international levels.

Moreover, the rapid development in science and technology especially emerging technologies and A.I can ease the possible use of chemical weapons by terrorist groups and non-state actors.

We commend the choice of the topic of the presentation made during the previous meeting of the Open Ended Working Group on Terrorism (OEWG -T). It shed light on an important and sensitive item; drones and the use of AI and their impact in increasing the risk of chemical terrorism.

It is clear today, that the easy and affordable access to these technologies can make the threat of chemical terrorism real and more

harmful and can impact human security and environment. If in the past years chemical terrorist attacks were rare and limited in rare cases, with the new evolvement in drones' technology and AI the threat of chemical incidents can happen more often, at larger scale and go beyond our control. It is true that this is far from occurring in near future, but we should be more vigilant and well prepared.

Considering these facts, it is urgent to enhance the readiness of States parties in facing these risks, to encourage cooperation and the exchange of experiences with other International organizations and ensure more efficiency and synergy in their actions. It is also worth to involve researchers and centre of studies specialized in these topics.

We reiterate our appreciation to the efforts of the OPCW in countering chemical terrorism and the role the OEWG in engaging in constructive discussions on the topic.

Algeria reaffirms its readiness to contribute to the current discussions on the matter as well as in the efforts of the organization. Highlighting the advance made in planning the Chemex Africa II and Chemex GRULAC, Algeria is ready to share its experience from the 1st edition of Chemex Africa held in Algiers in 2023 and to build on the main achievements of this successful event.

I thank you for your attention.