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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 is an Organization with technical character based on science and technology. Entrusted with the mandate of eliminating and preventing from the use of chemical weapons, the Organization is adapting its work with the several development occurring in its general environment including the fast development in emerging technologies.

These technologies including the use of AI impacts the endeavor of our organization at the short and the long terms. AI is no longer merely a technical tool; it is a geostrategic factor influencing global peace and security.

We commend the role of the Director-General in anticipating several actions to face their relevant challenges, by among others, the launch of discussions on this topic and several initiatives including within the Scientific Advisory board. Others engaged at the national and regional levels complete the work of the OPCW.

The role of these initiatives is to explore the potential of this technology and optimising its supporting role, while addressing its associated challenges within the framework of the CWC.

Among the ultimate goals of these initiatives the launch of an in-depth work to explore how these new technologies including AI may offer opportunities to facilitate the work of the OPCW in the implementation

of the CWC. Emerging technologies can contribute in the development of some aspects such as the verification regime, enhancement of safety and security chemical industry management systems, or the analysis of documents related to CWC.

On the other hand we are aware these technologies may hold the risks of facilitating the development, deployment, and the use of chemical weapons by terrorist groups or non-state actors. These entire recent development make the threat of reemergence more possible as Chemical Weapons can at any time fall in wrong hands beyond any control.

It is necessary for all of us, to prevent the AI misuse and ensure at the same time, the responsible use of it based on ethics.

Moreover equal access to these technologies should be guaranteed in order to enable developing countries to benefit from it, especially in the framework of the CWC implementation.

Maximising the safe use of AI needs to be addressed through a holistic approach and require the involvement of several stakeholders such as experts, industry representatives and researchers considering their role in different fields such as science, research, industrial and agriculture development and health.

Algeria reaffirms its commitment to contributing to advance these discussions.

Thank you for your attention.