

Statement by the Delegation of the Czech Republic
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under Agenda Item 6(f) – Addressing the threat from chemical weapons use

Mr Chairperson, Mr Director-General, distinguished delegates,

Czechia fully aligns itself with the statement of the European Union and wishes to emphasize the following in its national capacity:

We remain seriously concerned by the intensified use of riot control agents as a method of warfare on the Ukrainian battlefield, which is strictly prohibited by the Convention and as such deeply disconcerting.

The disturbing and well-documented pattern of chemical weapons use by Russian forces has repeatedly been demonstrated. We are deeply concerned by the public Dutch / German joint statement not only on intensification of the RCAs use by the Russian Federation, but also on the use of a choking agent, the chloropicrin, a World War I – era poisonous gas. All these substances are prohibited under the Convention and we call on Russia to clarify these issues instead of spreading disinformation and distortion of facts.

The Technical Secretariat was able to confirm the presence of the RCAs in multiple locations of Ukrainian frontline already on 5 occasions. The third report of the Technical Assistance Visit (TAV) of 20 June clearly concluded such chemical weapons use again. The findings based on samples collected under international standards and within the OPCW-verified chain of custody confirm the presence of the riot-control agents in multiple locations of UA battlefield, close to UA observation posts.

Czechia underlines that all perpetrators of the chemical weapons use must be held accountable. An **attribution** of responsibility for these acts is a logical necessity.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.