

Statement by the Delegation of the Czech Republic
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Mr Chairperson, Mr Director-General, distinguished delegates,

Czechia considers the attention given to the **emerging technologies and the AI** as necessary step in the right direction. Synthetic biology, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, and advanced chemical synthesis are transforming the way chemicals are produced, detected, and potentially weaponized. We need to build an understanding of potential opportunities and associated risks enabling to all state parties to participate in ongoing policy discussions both within their own governments and at the international level.

Regarding implementing these efforts we should pay particular attention to ensure that especially the African States Parties are kept informed and benefit from ongoing initiatives, by exploring relevant activities under Africa Programme through a region-specific approach.

OPCW must remain technologically relevant and future-proof. That is why Czechia supports the efforts of the Director-General to explore these new avenues. We observed closely the workshop organized by the Technical Secretariate and China in Shanghai, we welcome the SAB temporary working group report on AI and look forward to interacting more closely on this agenda.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.