Agenda Item 9: Emerging Technologies

India supports all efforts to strengthen international cooperation among State Parties in the peaceful uses of science and technology. Articles VI and XI of the Convention must continue to guide future discussion on this subject.

India actively participates in the global discussions on various emerging technologies, including AI. Recently, India co-chaired the AI Action Summit in Paris, along with France. India would be hosting the next AI Impact Summit in 2026. Some of our friends (countries) here in the Council will be co-chairing various working streams for this Summit.

In the context of Chemical Weapons Convention, emerging technologies can be beneficial for increasing safety and security of chemical plants by identifying potential threat, better management of inventories and supply chain logistics. Leveraging the possibilities offered by emerging technologies, particularly in the chemical industry can have unprecedented positive impacts for health, sustainability, environment and general prosperity.

At the same time, we must be cautious about the possible misuse of technologies in production of chemical weapons and their delivery. We must adopt a holistic approach and thoroughly assess how new technologies align with and impact the objectives and purposes of the Convention, considering both their benefits and challenges. In this regard, we also convey our appreciation to South Africa as the chair of OEWG on Terrorism for initiating discussions on chemical terrorism that can be aided and abetted by delivery drones.

The link between emerging technologies and chemical weapons requires careful consideration of both the potential benefits and risks, particularly coming from non-state actors. As technological advancements continue to evolve, ongoing dialogue and proactive measures will be crucial in ensuring that they are utilized in ways that enhance security without undermining global stability. India looks forward to further discussions in this important topic.

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