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Japan expresses grave concern over the findings of the third Technical Assistance Visit reports. The presence of Riot Control Agents in the battlefield in Ukraine strongly suggests the use of chemical weapons. We are also alarmed by the reports by the States Parties that the Russian Federation has used toxic chemicals, chloropicrin.

We would like to remind all States Parties that the Chemical Weapons Convention clearly stipulates in its Article 1 paragraph 5 that use of riot control agents as a method of warfare is prohibited.

It is deeply regrettable that the Russian Federation is yet to provide a credible response to the questions raised by numerous States Parties, including Japan. It was the Russian Federation itself that admits the use of RCAs through Social network Services, and own State Media channel. We urge the Russian Federation to provide clear and sufficient answers to the questions posed.

Lastly, we commend the TAV team for carrying out its mission professionally, impartially. We also pay tribute to Ukraine for cooperating with the TAV team in full compliance with international standards. Japan commends Ukraine's continued commitment to cooperating with the OPCW and recognize its extraordinary resilience and determination in defending its people.