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We thank the Technical Secretariat (TS) for publishing its summary of the Temporary Working Group's (TWG) second meeting in June.

The discussions surrounding the six technical areas the TWG is focusing on appear to have been very comprehensive.

The TS and TWG continue to bring in excellent guest speakers that appear to be doing cutting-edge work in the areas and topics most relevant to the OPCW.

Such impressive credentials continue to underscore the technical nature of the OPCW, and the importance it places on science-driven, fact-based decision making.

We hope that AI and the opportunities it could present for implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) can remain an apolitical, technical topic at the OPCW.

We caution against using any forum that is intended to focus on the technical implications of emerging and other technologies to advance political messages or initiatives.

We look forward to continued discussions on the benefits AI can offer to implementing the CWC and stand ready to assist and/or inform any discussions where the United States' technical expertise on such issues would be valuable.