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Mr. Chairperson, Mr. Director-General, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me, at the outset, to express our sincere congratulations and gratitude to the Chairperson of the Conference for the effective conduct of this session. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Director-General and the Technical Secretariat for their dedication and tireless efforts in advancing the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

Bosnia and Herzegovina aligns itself fully with the statements delivered on behalf of the European Union.

We would like to emphasize our strong commitment to the principles and objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and our unwavering support for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

The OPCW has made remarkable progress in advancing its mission to achieve a world free of chemical weapons.

However, we must remain vigilant and proactive in addressing both enduring and emerging challenges. Bosnia and Herzegovina underscores the importance of the OPCW continuing its crucial activities, including verification, capacity building, and international cooperation, which are essential for maintaining global security and strengthening the CWC regime.

In this context, we wish to highlight the growing impact of technological advancements, particularly in the domain of artificial intelligence (AI). While AI offers transformative opportunities, it also poses significant risks, including its potential misuse to enhance the design, production, and delivery of chemical weapons.

Bosnia and Herzegovina fully supports the OPCW proactive address of those challenges by exploring ways to mitigate the risks posed by AI and other emerging technologies. This may include fostering dialogue among States Parties, promoting scientific research on the implications of AI for the CWC, and enhancing the capacity of the Organisation to anticipate and counter these risks.

Mr. Chairperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina remains steadfast in its commitment to the goals of disarmament, non-proliferation, and the peaceful use of chemistry.

We believe that only through collective action and unwavering commitment we can safeguard the principles of the CWC and contribute to a safer and more secure world for future generations.

Thank you.