



**STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**  
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**Agenda item 22 – Follow-up to RC-5: Emerging technologies**

I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the European Union.

The Candidate Countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine as well as Armenia and the EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries Iceland and Norway, members of the EEA (European Economic Area) align themselves with this statement. Andorra, Monaco and San Marino also associate themselves with this statement.

Emerging technologies pose major challenges to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Given the pace and scope of developments, it is of paramount importance that the Secretariat monitors the developments and deepens its understanding of these technologies.

With regard to artificial intelligence, the EU underlines the importance of the Secretariat monitoring the developments with a view to identifying possible opportunities and risks to the implementation of the Convention. The European Union believes this should be an inclusive process with active participation of all States Parties and input from external experts, civil society as well as relevant international and regional organisations. In this context, we commend the Kingdom of Morocco and the Secretariat for organising the Global Conference on the role of Artificial Intelligence in Rabat in October 2024 which provided a platform for fruitful exchanges involving policy-makers and practitioners.

The EU stands ready to support efforts to inform future policy discussions and decisions by sharing information, e.g. on the EU comprehensive AI legislation, the “AI Act”. Furthermore, the EU supports these efforts through the EU’s voluntary financial contribution in support of the OPCW activities. We are pleased co-finance the on-going AI Research Challenge together

with the United Kingdom and look forward to the results. The EU will also support financially the Scientific Advisory Board's new Working Group on Artificial Intelligence.

I would kindly ask you to consider this statement as an official document of the Session.

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