

**Statement by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the
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Mr. Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran supports identification of any potential impact of the artificial intelligence on the implementation of the Convention. We participated in the “Conference on the Role of AI in Advancing the Implementation of the CWC” and we welcome any further discussions on the risks and opportunities that AI may have for the Organisation.

My delegation is of the view that the discussions on the impact of AI on the implementation of the Convention shall take into account all its provisions, including Articles X and XI. The AI has a great potential to enhance capacities of States Parties in protection against chemical weapons and treatment of those injured by chemical agents. All scientific and technological developments, including AI, are generally subject to the commitment of States Parties to promotion of peaceful uses. Any agreement and cooperation on AI shall not impose any restrictions incompatible with the obligations undertaken under the Convention and impede international trade and exchange of scientific and technological information.

In view of the technological gaps among States Parties, inclusive and transparent discussions are crucial to create a clear vision for all. The States Parties, which have the scientific knowledge and financial means, have a special responsibility. As this subject is still in the preliminary stage of its development, we suggest that relevant discussions and studies mainly rely on the capacities and contribution of States Parties.

Finally, since this subject is on the agenda of other international bodies and forums as well, a desired outcome needs a universal, comprehensive and holistic approach.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson.