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The Republic of Korea expresses deep concerns over the alleged misuse of toxic chemicals in Ukraine by Russia, including the possible use of RCAs as a method of warfare. In particular, we take note, with grave concerns, of the recent OPCW report which confirms presence of the RCA, related to an alleged incident that took place along confrontation lines in Ukraine in September 2024. My delegation reaffirms that any use of chemical weapons, including the use of RCA as a method of warfare, is prohibited under the Article 1 of the Convention. We command the TS to conduct the Technical Assistance Visit and release this report.

We would also like to appreciate the other three Technical Assistance Visits made by the TS to Ukraine in July, September and October of this year to deliver non-military protection and detection equipment and provide appropriate training. We encourage the TS to continue to monitor the situation in Ukraine and maintain its readiness for further engagement.

Thank you.