

## **MIKTA JOINT STATEMENT ON TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

### **AGENDA ITEM 10: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**

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

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of MIKTA Countries: Mexico, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Republic of Türkiye, and Australia.

MIKTA recognises that scientific and technological advancements, including in the fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI), additive manufacturing, quantum computing, and biotechnology, present both opportunities and challenges for the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention ('the Convention').

MIKTA commends the Director-General, Technical Secretariat and States Parties for taking action to enhance our understanding of the implications of emerging technologies for the Convention. We also appreciate the valuable contributions of the Scientific Advisory Board, the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism and the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach in monitoring relevant developments.

MIKTA commends the Republic of Korea for hosting the second edition of the REAIM Summit in Seoul on 9-10 September 2024 together with the Netherlands, Singapore, Kenya and the UK, building on the REAIM regional workshop organized by the Republic of Türkiye on 22-23 May 2024. We commend Germany's initiative to host the Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Weapons of Mass Destruction on 28 June 2024. Further, MIKTA applauds Morocco's leadership in hosting the Conference on the implications of AI technology within the context of the Convention from 22 to 24 October 2024, and values the contributions of all States Parties in this regard. MIKTA also commends the Technical Secretariat for launching the AI Research Challenge with the support of the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

As proud contributors to the ChemTech Centre, MIKTA looks forward to advancing policy discussions on the implications of emerging technologies for the Convention. MIKTA remains committed to supporting international cooperation and capacity building to address opportunities and challenges associated with emerging technologies. We will continue to advocate for multilateral approaches to scientific and technological advancements that strengthen agreed international commitments, that ensure appropriate human involvement and where the agreed rules, norms, and standards on such developments are clear and consistently followed.

Encouraged by our shared commitment to democracy, upholding international law and promoting multilateralism and international cooperation, we will serve as a positive force in addressing these shared global challenges. MIKTA stands ready to support the OPCW in achieving its mission of a world free of chemical weapons.

I kindly ask you to consider this MIKTA statement as an official document of the 107th Session of the Executive Council and post it on the OPCW external server and public website.

Thank you.