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Agenda Item 10 - Emerging technologies

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Mr. Chair,

Scientific and technological advances including Artificial Intelligence (AI) can bring valuable opportunities to effectively implement the Convention, but such advances could also be exploited for the potential re-emergence of the use of chemical weapons. In this regard, as the Republic of Korea already emphasized in our national statement during General Debate, we welcome the decision by the EC-106 to include emerging technologies on the agenda of all future regular EC sessions.

Korea is committed to actively contributing to international discourse on AI for both in the civilian and military domains. Korea hosted the 2nd AI Summit with the UK and AI Global Forum in May this year, as well as the 2nd REAIM (Responsible AI in the Military Domain) summit together with the Netherlands, Singapore, Kenya and the UK last month. At this REAIM summit, “Blueprint for Action” was endorsed as a key outcome, which will serve as guiding framework for our future action. The Republic of Korea and the Netherlands will also table a new resolution titled “AI in the Military Domain and its implication for International Peace and Security” to the 1st Committee of the 79th UN General Assembly.

Mr. Chair,

We commend Germany’s initiative to host a Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Weapons of Mass Destruction in June this year. We also appreciate the leadership of the Kingdom of Morocco and Secretariat in organizing the Global AI Conference which will be held in Rabat, Morocco in two weeks. As a financial contributor to this event, the Republic of Korea looks forward to its success.

Thank you.