

Point 10 Emerging technologies

## Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine at the 107th session of the Executive Council

## Mr Chairperson,

## Director-General,

Ukraine fully associates itself with the statement delivered by H.E. Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the OPCW Dániel Mihály Horogszegi Szilágyi on behalf of the European Union.

Emerging technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI), may present significant challenges to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in the post-destruction era. With the rapid advancement of these technologies, it is crucial for the Secretariat to enhance its understanding. Ukraine believes this process should be inclusive, involving all States Parties, as well as contributions from external experts and civil society.

Ukraine appreciates the efforts made by the Secretariat to assess the implications of AI, including the associated risks and opportunities for the Convention's objectives. We also welcome contributions from States Parties, such as the upcoming Global Conference in Rabat from 22-24 October 2024.

Ukraine emphasizes the importance of the Secretariat staying informed on AI developments and potential risks, while also exploring opportunities for AI applications within the OPCW.

We stand ready to support further efforts that will inform future policy discussions and decisions, including sharing insights on comprehensive AI legislation, such as the "AI Act," through collaboration with the Secretariat and the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

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Thank you for your attention.