

Intervention of the OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence Federica ONORI to the Special Debate of the General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment "Geeconomics, Technology, and Security: Navigating a Changing Landscape" at the

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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Dear Colleagues,

First of all let me thank you for the great interest you are all putting into the topic of artificial intelligence as it was not even a speech where AI was not mentioned. This gives the idea of the size of the phenomenon we have in front of us.

Geeconomics, technology, and security are no longer separate domains. They are increasingly intertwined — and artificial intelligence sits at this intersection.

AI is reshaping economic competitiveness, supply chains, labour markets, and industrial policy. Decisions taken in the technological sphere today have direct implications for national security and regional stability tomorrow.

From a geeconomic perspective, AI has become a strategic asset. Access to data, computing capacity, energy, and skilled human capital increasingly determines economic power. At the same time, dependence on a limited number of technology providers raises important questions about resilience and economic sovereignty, particularly for smaller countries.

AI can amplify vulnerabilities in supply chains and critical infrastructure. But when responsibly governed, it can also strengthen resilience, support the green transition, and improve evidence-based policymaking.

It also creates new opportunities for young people, making investment in education, skills development, and inclusive access to technology essential to ensure that the next generation can actively contribute to and benefit from this transformation.

This dual nature makes governance and parliamentary oversight essential. Innovation must remain, however, anchored in transparency, accountability, and the rule of law.

As Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence, I am committed to ensuring that this Assembly addresses the economic and strategic implications of AI proactively and coherently, recognising its cross-cutting impact on resilience, competitiveness, and security.

These are not abstract debates about technology — they are strategic questions that shape our economic resilience and collective security today.

In this context, let me welcome continued dialogue with colleagues on how artificial intelligence is affecting economic resilience, industrial policy, and technological sovereignty

in your country. Navigating this changing geoeconomic landscape collectively is essential to ensuring that innovation strengthens — rather than fragments — our shared security and prosperity.

I would like to conclude by saying that what makes us different, as a Parliamentary Assembly, compared to other entities, is our very close connection to the people. I believe we must value this highly, because we are in a unique position to understand people's expectations and their perceptions of risks and threats. We can help navigate uncertainty and address challenges in line with what people are actually experiencing. I believe this is extremely important.

I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Thank you.