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Thank you, Mr. Chair,
Thank you, Colleagues,

The fight for the Helsinki Principles in Ukraine and beyond reminds us that comprehensive security is not static. It evolves as the nature of threats evolves. Today, artificial intelligence is increasingly shaping how conflicts are fought, how societies are influenced, and how security decisions are taken.

AI already affects this conflict environment in very concrete ways: through information manipulation and disinformation, automated surveillance and targeting, and data-driven military and security decision-making. These developments raise fundamental questions for the Helsinki Principles — particularly sovereignty, human rights, accountability, and democratic control.

At the same time, AI is not just a risk multiplier. If governed responsibly, it can support early warning, conflict prevention, and situational awareness, helping institutions detect escalation risks and protect civilians. The question is therefore not whether AI will shape security — it already does — but how we ensure it does so in line with our shared principles.

From a parliamentary perspective, this is where our responsibility lies. Existing human rights and international humanitarian law apply fully to AI-enabled systems, especially in conflict contexts. Human oversight, transparency, and political accountability are essential to preserving comprehensive security.

As Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence, I remain committed to ensuring that the security implications of AI are addressed within our comprehensive security framework. Grounding regional peace in comprehensive security today requires that artificial intelligence remain firmly anchored in sovereignty, human rights, democratic control, and the rule of law.

In this context, I welcome continued dialogue with colleagues on how artificial intelligence is affecting your national security and resilience efforts. Addressing these developments collectively is essential to upholding the Helsinki Principles in Ukraine and beyond.

Thank you.