

**ArgIQ – Information Quality in Argentina**  
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Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, CWC Coalition Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

ArgIQ is a non-profit organization with the objective of spreading, through academic activities, the Information Quality methodology to Argentina and other Spanish-speaking countries.

The Information Quality methodology provides us with new tools for managing information, creating a new concept that goes from data collection to its transformation into information, intelligence and knowledge.

We started the cooperation with the firefighters of the Argentine Federal Police many years ago; they are responsible for providing the advanced course of the OPCW in our region, and in these last months we began to plan new activities together.

Considering the experience accumulated between the two institutions, we plan to organize, during 2020, a seminar that includes aspects related to hazardous chemicals and the work of firefighters, the risks to police and military activities, among others.

When formalizing the alliance with ArgIQ, the Argentine Federal Police would be looking to work with NGOs, industries and other organizations related to the chemical sector to improve security and the level of response, in short, it is seeking to achieve a systemic response capacity and therefore, be much more efficient.

ArgIQ will provide support from their academic experience and information management to support this initiative of great importance for the country. And considering the relevance of this proposal, we intend to represent representatives of the region in order to increase regional security.

As a continuation of a previous project, we plan to update and finally publish our research on chemical terrorism. We will first analyze the phenomena, trying to understand it and its components, then we will come out with a definition of what chemical terrorism means, after analyzing all the relevant definitions; and finally we plan to come out with some hypothesis about the future and test them with the available information.

We will use several methodological tools, which working together allow us to perform a research with less impact of our cognitive bias, among other potential distortions that could occur during the research.

Participating in the CWC Coalition Open Forums and this plenary session allows us to grow and to combine our experience with other representatives of the NGO community. Thank you for allowing us to be part of this and to present our work, however briefly, to you.

Thank you for your attention, and I request that this statement be made part of the final CSP record.