AMENDED PROTOCOL II

PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES, BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, AS AMENDED ON 3 MAY 1996, ANNEXED TO THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996)

SUMMARY SHEET

Summary Reporting Format for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2, pursuant to the decision of the Fifth Annual Conference of the States Parties to CCW Amended Protocol II as stipulated in paragraph 20 of its Final Document, CCW/AP.II/CONF.5/2

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: Ireland

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 10/03/2020

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This information can be available to other interested parties and relevant organizations:

☑ YES

☐ NO
Reporting for time period from: **01/01/2018** to: **31/12/2018**

**Form A:** Dissemination of information:  
- ☑ changed  
- ✗ unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2018)

**Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:  
- ☑ changed  
- ✗ unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2018)

**Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information:  
- ✗ changed  
- ☑ unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2018)

**Form D:** Legislation:  
- ☑ changed  
- ✗ unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2018)

**Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:  
- ✗ changed  
- ☑ unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2018)

**Form F:** Other relevant matters:  
- ☑ changed  
- ✗ unchanged  
(last reporting year: 2018)

**Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:  
- ☑ changed  
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REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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### Form A  Dissemination of information

Article 13, paragraph 4 (a)  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary […] on […]:

(a) dissemination of information on this Protocol to their armed forces and to the civilian population;”

**Remark:**

High Contracting Party: **Ireland**

Reporting for time period from: **01/01/2019** to: **31/12/2019**

#### INFORMATION TO THE ARMED FORCES:

The Tactical Doctrine and the training manuals of the Defence Forces have been amended to reflect the requirements of the Amended Protocol.

#### INFORMATION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION:

At the time of the Government decision to ratify Amended Protocol II and at the time of approval by Dáil Éireann (the Lower House of Parliament), information on the value of the Amended Protocol and on its obligations was made public through media releases and public statements/debates.
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| Article 13, paragraph 4 (b) | “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary […] on […]:
(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;” |
| Remark: | |
| High Contracting Party: | Ireland |
| Reporting for time period from: | 01/01/2019 |
| to: | 31/12/2019 |
| MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES: | There are no mined areas in Ireland |
| REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES: | N/A |
Form C  Technical requirements and relevant information

Article 13, paragraph 4 (c) “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary […] on […]:
(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:
Ireland

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:
As a State Party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction of 1997 (the Ottawa Convention), Ireland is subject to the general obligation not to produce or possess anti-personnel mines. However, pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 1 of that Convention, “the retention or transfer of a number of anti-personnel mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques is permitted.” Ireland currently possesses 54 anti-personnel mines (blast mines) for these purposes.

Defence Force manuals have been amended to take account of the technical requirements of the Amended Protocol II, and all of the mines retained conform fully with the technical requirements of Amended Protocol II.

No anti-personnel mine production facilities exist in Ireland.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:
The Defence Forces Corps of Engineers destroyed one AP mine in training during this reporting period.

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
### Form D

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| Article 13, paragraph 4 (d) | “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary […] on […]: |

| (d) legislation related to this Protocol;” |

**Remark:**

**High Contracting Party:**

Ireland

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**LEGISLATION:**

There have been no legislative developments since Ireland furnished its last annual report.
**Form E**

**International technical information exchange, cooperation on mine clearance, technical cooperation and assistance**

Article 13, paragraph 4 (e)  
“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary […] on […]:

(e) measures taken on international technical information exchange, on international cooperation on mine clearance, and on technical cooperation and assistance;”

**Remark:**

High Contracting Party:  
**Ireland**

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**INTERATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

In August 2019 a team comprising members of Irish Aid and the Irish Defence Forces conducted a review of the Irish Aid funded mine action programme in Zimbabwe. The report was finalised in December 2019 and is available to interested parties through national Point of Contact above.

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:**

The Irish Defence Forces participated in the training of Jordanian Armed Forces in Mine and IED awareness and disposal during 2019. The Irish Defence Forces have deployed a mine clearance capability including mechanical clearance assets to both UNIFIL and UNDOF missions throughout 2019.

In 2019, Ireland provided funding for a study by the GICHD, SIPRI and Kings College London, which assessed the direct and indirect impacts of Anti Vehicle Mines in Angola. The study was published in November 2019 and is available on the GICHD's website.
Form F  Other relevant matters

Article 13, paragraph 4 (f)  “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depositary […] on […]:

(f) other relevant matters.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:  Ireland

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OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

Ireland was one of the first states to ratify the 1997 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction in December 1997. Under the terms of that Convention, only a minimal stock is retained for the purposes of training and research in mine clearance techniques. Defence Force Tactical Doctrine has been amended to prohibit the use of anti-personnel mines.
Form G  Information to the UN-database on mine clearance

Article 11, paragraph 2, “2. Each High Contracting Party undertakes to provide information to the database on mine clearance established within the United Nations System, especially information concerning various means and technologies of mine clearance, and lists of experts, expert agencies or national points of contact on mine clearance.”

Remark:

High Contracting Party:

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MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:
The Irish Defence Forces are equipped with a broad range of mine clearance capabilities including detection systems and mechanical clearance systems.

LISTS OF EXPERTS AND EXPERT AGENCIES:
The Irish Defence Forces represent the only expertise on mine clearance in Ireland. Contact can be made through the point of contact identified on page 1.

NATIONAL POINTS OF CONTACT ON MINE CLEARANCE:
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