

## 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)

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#### 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: 31 MARCH 2017

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

YES

NO

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**Form A:** Dissemination of information:

changed

unchanged

(last reporting year: 2015)

**Form B:** Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed

unchanged

(last reporting year: 2015)

**Form C:** Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed

unchanged

(last reporting year: 2015)

**Form D:** Legislation:

changed

unchanged

(last reporting year: 2015)

**Form E:** International technical information exchange, co-operation on mine clearance, technical co-operation and assistance:

changed

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(last reporting year: 2015)

**Form F:** Other relevant matters:

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(last reporting year: 2015)

**Form G:** Information to the UN-database on mine clearance:

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### REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

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Partially, only the following forms:

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

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### Form A                      Dissemination of information

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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: N/A*

High Contracting Party:

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#### **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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**Form B**                      **Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes**

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (b)                      “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depository [...] on [...]:  
  
(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;”

*Remark:*

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**MINE CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES:**

**There are no mined areas in Ireland.**

**REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES:**

**N/A**

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### **Form C                      Technical requirements and relevant information**

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (c)                      “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depository [...] on [...]:

(c) steps taken to meet technical requirements of this Protocol and any  
other relevant information pertaining thereto;”

*Remark:*

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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 61 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 used no AP mines in training during this reporting period.**

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### **Form D**                      **Legislation**

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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:*

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#### **LEGISLATION:**

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



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

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (e)

“The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the Depository [...] on [...]:

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

*Remark:*

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#### **INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

#### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON MINE CLEARANCE:**

**Ireland has made substantial contributions to demining activities and mine awareness education programmes, as well as victim assistance in some of the most severely affected countries.**

**Total Irish Aid expenditure for humanitarian demining in 2016 was €2.97 million. Over the period 2006-2016 expenditure on humanitarian demining amounted to €38 million.**

**One of Irish Aid’s key partners in the area of humanitarian demining is the NGO Halo Trust.**

**In 2015, Ireland agreed a second two year mine action programme with Halo in Afghanistan, Somaliland and Zimbabwe. Under this agreement, which covers the period 01/01/2015-31/12/2016, Ireland has provided funding of €4m to Halo in order for it to clear mine contaminated areas and to conduct mine risk education in the mine affected communities.**

**In addition, over the 2015-2016 two year period, €1 million was provided to Halo Trust (€500,000 each year) through Irish Aid’s country programme in Vietnam to support mine action work in Cambodia . Therefore, Ireland has provided a total of €5 million in funding to Halo Trust over the 2015-2016 period.**

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Also over the 2015-2016 period, a further €1.24 million in funding was provided to other mine action partners through the Irish Aid country programme in Vietnam. This funding was disbursed to the UNDP Multi-Donor Trust Fund for UXO and mine action clearance in Lao PDR (€900,000 in total over the two-year period), to Project Renew to develop a cluster munitions remnants survey in Quang Tri, Vietnam and to conduct mine risk education (€200,000 in total over the two-year period), and to MAG (Mine Action Group) to conduct mine risk education in Myanmar (€140,000 in total over the two-year period).

Tables giving more details are attached at Annex 1.

### TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

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### Form F                      Other relevant matters

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Article 13,  
paragraph 4 (f)                      “The High Contracting Parties shall provide annual reports to the  
Depository [...] on [...]:  
  
(f) other relevant matters.”

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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.**

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### **Form G**                      **Information to the UN-database on mine clearance**

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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:*

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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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## Ireland's Support to Humanitarian Demining and Weapons & Ammunition Disposal

over the period 2006-2016:

### Annex:

Country	2006 €	2007 €	2008 €	2009 €	2010 €	2011 €	2012 €	2013 €	2014 €	2015 €	2016	Total €
Afghanistan	615,000	700,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	927,739	918,000	918,000	950,000	850,000	9,078,739
Angola	525,000	725,000	725,000	130,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,105,000
Bosnia & Herzegovina	120,000	-	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240,000
Cambodia	533,800	466,200	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	5,500,000
Iraq	500,000	776,103	850,000	500,000	400,000	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,226,103
Jordan	-	-	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
Lao PDR	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	620,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	400,000	7,020,000
Lebanon	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,000
Mozambique	64,975	300,000	375,000	375,000	-	-	100,000	217,000	25,500	-	-	1,457,475
Myanmar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	70,000	70,000	340,000
Ukraine	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Serbia	-	-	-	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,000
Somaliland	360,000	688,000	550,000	270,000	600,000	548,000	580,000	600,000	700,000	750,000	650,000	6,296,000
Vietnam	-	-	-	-	-	115,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	915,000
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	165,000	456,500	400,000	400,000	1,451,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,968,775</b>	<b>4,655,303</b>	<b>4,920,000</b>	<b>3,315,000</b>	<b>2,840,000</b>	<b>2,663,000</b>	<b>2,837,739</b>	<b>3,200,000</b>	<b>3,400,000</b>	<b>3,270,000</b>	<b>2,970,000</b>	<b>38,039,817</b>