

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: 31 MARCH 2016

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

YES

NO

Reporting for time period

from: 01/01/2015
dd/mm/yyyy

to: 31/12/2015
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Form A: Dissemination of information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2014)

Form B: Mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2014)

Form C: Technical requirements and relevant information:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2014)

Form D: Legislation:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2014)

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

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2014)

Form F: Other relevant matters:

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year: 2014)

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

changed
 unchanged
(last reporting year:)

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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

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

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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 C Technical requirements and relevant information

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;”

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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

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

(d) legislation related to this Protocol;”

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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**

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;”

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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.

In the period covered by this annual return, 1 January 2015 - 31 December 2015, funding of €2,100,000 was provided to Halo Trust to clear over 200 hectares of mine contaminated land and to conduct mine risk education in hundreds of mine affected communities in Afghanistan, Somaliland, and Zimbabwe, while €500,000 was also provided to Halo Trust through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Vietnam country programme to support mine action work in Cambodia. Furthermore, €670,000 in mine action funding was disbursed to the UNDP Multi-Donor Trust Fund for UXO and mine action clearance in Lao PDR (€500,000), to Project Renew to develop a cluster munitions remnants survey in Quang Tri, Vietnam and to conduct mine risk education (€100,000), and to MAG (Mine Action Group) to conduct mine risk education in Kayah State in Myanmar (€70,000).

Tables giving more details are attached at Annex 1.

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Ireland also provided Slovenia's ITF (International Trust Fund) with €10,000 for mine clearance action in the Western Balkans region

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:

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Form F Other relevant matters

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

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.”

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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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ANNEX 1

IRISH AID FUNDING TO HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION PROGRAMMES IN 2015		
Country	Organisation	Amount Allocated €
Afghanistan Somaliland Zimbabwe	Halo Trust	2,100,000
Cambodia	Halo Trust	500,000
Lao PDR	UXO Lao (UNDP)	500,000
Vietnam	Project Renew (UNDP)	100,000
Myanmar	MAG (UNDP)	70,000
TOTAL		€3,270,000