

**SUMMARY COVER PAGE
OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CCW PROTOCOL V ¹**

NAME OF STATE [PARTY]: IRELAND

REPORTING PERIOD: 01.01.2015 **To** 31.12.2015
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Form A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2014)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2014)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form C: Steps taken to implement Article 5 of the Protocol: Other precautions for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of ERW	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2014)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form D: Steps taken to implement Article 6 of the Protocol: Provisions for the protection of humanitarian missions and organizations from the effects of explosive remnants of war	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2014)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol: Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> changed <input type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: ()] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E(a): Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2014)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2014)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form G: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2014)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form H: Other Relevant Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> changed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged [last reporting year: (2014)] <input type="checkbox"/> non applicable

¹ Pursuant to the relevant decision of the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V, this cover page could be used as a **complement** to submitting the detailed reporting forms adopted at the First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to CCW Protocol V in case there is no substantial change in the ERW situation, as a result of a conflict or of the measures undertaken in compliance with the provisions of Protocol V, and when the information to be provided in some of the forms in an annual report is the same as it would be in past reports.

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**REPORTING FORMS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10, PARAGRAPH 2 (b) OF THE PROTOCOL AND THE
DECISION OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING
PARTIES TO PROTOCOL V**

(As adopted by the First Conference at its second plenary meeting on 5 November 2007)

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

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FORM A: Steps taken to implement Article 3 of the Protocol: Clearance, removal or destruction of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: IRELAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 3:

Ireland is not a country affected by ERW and has no other territories under its control. However when the Irish Defence Forces are serving in peace support missions in ERW affected countries they undertake clearance, removal and destruction of ERW, consistent with their mandate.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM B: Steps taken to implement Article 4 of the Protocol: Recording, retaining and transmission of information

High Contracting Party: IRELAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 4 and the Technical Annex:

A comprehensive recording mechanism for the use of all items of explosive ordnance became a Defence Forces operational requirement from 01 Jan 2011. This system of training members of the Defence Forces in the recording the use of all live ordnance in training, extends across the Army Air Corps and Navy. This ensures the familiarity of service personnel with the recording and reporting procedures associated with the use of explosive munitions which have the potential to become UXO.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM C: Steps taken to implement Article 5 of the Protocol: Other precautions for the protection of the civilian population, individual civilians and civilian objects from the risks and effects of explosive remnants of war

High Contracting Party: IRELAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 5 and the Technical Annex:

Ireland is not affected by ERW. However when the Irish Defence Forces are serving in peace support missions in ERW affected countries they take all feasible precautions to protect the civilian population from the risks of ERW, including risk education campaigns, marking, fencing and monitoring.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM D: Steps taken to implement Article 6 of the Protocol: Provisions for the protection of humanitarian missions and organizations from the effects of explosive remnants of war

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 6:

Ireland is not a country affected by ERW. However when the Irish Defence Forces are serving in ERW affected countries they conduct clearance operations where appropriate and liase with and assist humanitarian missions and organisations in the location and clearance of ERW

Any other relevant information:

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FORM E: Steps taken to implement Article 7 and Article 8 of the Protocol:
Assistance with respect to existing explosive remnants of war and cooperation and assistance

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7 and Article 8:

Ireland continues to provide qualified military personnel to territories affected by ERW as advisors and technical expert on search and clearance operations.
The Irish Government also provides funding to Aid Agencies working on clearance in ERW affected territories

Any other relevant information:

In October and November 2015 a Team comprising an expert from the Irish Defence Forces and an independent consultant conducted a review of Irish Aid funded mine action programmes in Cambodia, Lao and Vietnam. The report was finalised in January 2016 and will be available to interested parties through national Point of Contact above

FORM E(a): Steps taken by States which have ERW victims to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2): Victim Assistance

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Steps taken to implement the relevant provisions of Article 8(2):

Other relevant information, guided by the Plan of Action on Victim Assistance:

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FORM F: Steps taken to implement Article 9 of the Protocol: Generic preventive measures

High Contracting Party: IRELAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 9 and the Technical Annex:

Irish Defence Forces take all feasible generic preventive measures, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Technical Annex, aimed at minimizing the occurrence of explosive remnants of war. Ireland endeavours to procure only munitions and weapons with the highest possible reliability and safety design requirements. Munitions and weapons are stored and transported in accordance with national standards, which are fully in accordance with Part 3 of the Technical Annex to the Protocol.

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM G: Steps taken to implement Article 11 of the Protocol: Compliance

High Contracting Party: IRELAND

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Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 11:

Ireland has a National Committee on International Humanitarian Law, which includes representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Defence and the Defence Forces, and examines all aspects of IHL implementation including Protocol V

Any other relevant information:

N/A

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FORM H: Other relevant matters

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Any other relevant information:

N/A