

**CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (CCW)
PROTOCOL ON EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR
(PROTOCOL V)**

REPORTING FORMS

**Pursuant to Article 10 (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)**

HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: IRELAND

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Date of submission:26/04/2012.....

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

YES

NO

Partially, only the following forms:

A B C D E F G H I

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

High Contracting Party: IRELAND.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

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

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

High Contracting Party:IRELAND.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

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.

Any other relevant information

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.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

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

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

High Contracting Party:IRELAND.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

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

N/A

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

High Contracting Party:IRELAND.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 7

Ireland continues to provide qualified personnel to territories affected by ERW as advisors and technical experts 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 November and December 2011 a Team comprising two experts 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 February 2012 and is available to interested parties through national Point of Contact above.

FORM F Steps taken to implement Article 8 of the Protocol: Co-operation and assistance

High Contracting Party:IRELAND.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

Steps taken to implement the provisions of Article 8

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

Any other relevant information

In November and December 2011 a Team comprising two experts 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 February 2012 and is available to interested parties through national Point of Contact above. The review recommended a continuation of support to clearance of ERW in all three countries.

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

High Contracting Party:IRELAND.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

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

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

High Contracting Party:IRELAND.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

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

FORM I Other relevant matters

High Contracting Party:IRELAND.....

Reporting for time period from01/01/11... to31/12/11.....

Any other relevant information

N/A