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)

REPORTING FORMATS

for Article 13 paragraph 4 and Article 11 paragraph 2

NAME OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTY: Ireland

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31 MARCH 2014

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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 ☐

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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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:**

Ireland

**Reporting for time period**

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

(b) mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes;” |

**Remark:**

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Ireland  

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**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 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.

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.

Any other relevant information:

The Defence Forces Corps of Engineers used NIL AP mines in training during this reporting period.
Form D  Legislation

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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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 2013 - 31 December 2013, a total of €2.4 million has been assigned to Halo Trust for integrated mine clearance in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Mozambique, Somaliland and Zimbabwe. €500,000 was allocated to UXO Lao for clearance activities in Lao PDR, with a further €200,000 to the Mines Advisory Group for such activities in Vietnam.

Tables giving more details are attached at Annex I.
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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE:
**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: Ireland

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MEANS AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MINE CLEARANCE:


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.

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ANNEX 1

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