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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre and pursuant to the Decision 7/04 of the Forum for Security Cooperation, has the honour to submit the requested information on Anti-Personnel Mines and Explosive Remnants of War for 2018.

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Missions/Delegations of the Participating States to the OSCE and to the CPC the assurance of its highest consideration.



Vienna, 27 MAY 2019

To: The Permanent Missions and Delegations of all OSCE States.
Director, Conflict Prevention Centre, Vienna.

IRELAND

UPDATED INFORMATION PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

SUBMITTED 27TH MAY 2019 COVERING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2018 TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

1. National implementation measures

No additional legal, administrative and other measures were taken during the previous calendar year to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited under the Convention. Please see reports submitted in 1999 and 2009 for information previously provided on these matters.

2. Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Not applicable.

3. Anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for permitted purposes

As of 31 December 2018, Ireland retained 55 anti-personnel mines for purposes permitted under Article 3 of the Convention.

Type	Quantity Retained	Lot Numbers
SB 33	55	67/92
Total	55	

The Irish Defence Forces is the only entity authorised to retain mines for permitted purposes. The Irish Defence Forces use live anti-personnel mines in the development and validation of mine render safe procedures and in training personnel in these procedures. Render safe procedures normally involve the destruction of the mine. Live mines are also used as part of the testing and validation of mechanical mine clearance equipment and in the training of personnel in the use of such equipment. Minimum metal content mines are used, as required, in the calibration and testing of mine detection equipment.

4. Areas known or suspected to contain anti-personnel mines

Not applicable.

5. Technical characteristics of anti-personnel mines

Ireland has no additional information on the technical characteristics of anti-personnel mines owned or possessed. Please see the report submitted in 2014 for information that has already been provided by Ireland on the technical characteristics of anti-personnel mines owned or possessed.

6. Conversion or decommissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities

Not applicable.

7. Victim assistance

Not applicable.

8. Cooperation and assistance

The Irish Defence Forces maintain a capability to survey, search for, detect, clear and destroy landmines. This capability includes many types of detection equipment, mechanical clearance assets, disposal experts and specialist search and clearance teams. The Defence Forces also continues to provide qualified personnel to territories affected by ERW as advisors and technical experts on search and clearance operations.

The Irish Defence Forces participated in the training of Jordanian Armed Forces in Mine and IED awareness and disposal during 2018. The Irish Defence Forces have deployed a mine clearance capability including mechanical clearance assets to both UNIFIL and UNDOF missions throughout 2018.

Ireland has been a consistent donor over many years in support of clearance operations related to landmines and unexploded ordnance. Ireland contributed €3.27mil to demining activities in 2018, with programmes supported in Afghanistan, South Sudan, Colombia, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

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Form A: National implementation measures: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017)	Form F: Program of APM destruction: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017) ☐ non applicable
Form B: Stockpiled anti-personnel mines: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017) ☐ non applicable	Form G: APM destroyed: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017) ☐ non applicable
Form C: Location of mined areas: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017) ☐ non applicable	Form H: Technical characteristics: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017) ☐ non applicable
Form D: APMs retained or transferred: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017) ☐ non applicable	Form I: Warning measures: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017) ☐ non applicable
Form E: Status of conversion programs: ☐ changed ☒ unchanged (last reporting: 2017) ☐ non applicable	Form J: Other Relevant Matters ☒ changed ☐ unchanged (last reporting: yyyy) ☐ non applicable

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