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The Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations presents her compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note ref LA/COD/2 of 9 April 2010 concerning General Assembly Resolution 63/125 and to the request of the Secretary-General for information relevant for inclusion in the report sought by the General Assembly in paragraph 11 of its Resolution.

The Permanent Representative of Ireland has the honour to bring the following matters to the attention of the Secretary-General:

- The Government of Ireland established a national committee on international law in 2008. The committee is chaired by an official of the Department of Foreign Affairs and representatives of the Departments of Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice and Education, the Attorney General's Office, the Defence Forces, the Irish Red Cross and Irish Aid are invited to participate in its meetings. It has met regularly since its establishment. The purposes of the national committee are to assist the Government in the implementation and promotion of international humanitarian law, to help to increase knowledge of international humanitarian law in the State and to prepare for regular International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.
- Ireland was one of a small core group of states that promoted the development of a new instrument of international humanitarian law on cluster munitions, a major international initiative that culminated in the negotiation and adoption by consensus of the Convention on Cluster Munitions at a diplomatic conference hosted by the Government of Ireland in Dublin in May 2008. Ireland ratified the Convention on 3 December 2008 and it will enter into force 1 August 2010.

The Permanent Representative of Ireland avails herself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of her highest consideration.

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