



**PERMANENT MISSION OF IRELAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and has the honour, in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 77/107 of 2 December 2022 and in response to the letter of 29 January 2024 (Reference: LA/COD/2/1), to submit the following information:

- Ireland led consultations on a Political Declaration on Strengthening the Protection of Civilians from the Humanitarian Consequences arising from the use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas (EWIPA), which seeks to strengthen compliance with international humanitarian law (IHL) and the protection of civilians in situations of armed conflict involving the use of EWIPA. The Declaration was adopted at a high-level international conference in Dublin in November 2022 and, as of April 2024, has been endorsed by 87 States from all regions.
- Ireland's national committee on IHL has continued to meet regularly under the chairmanship of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The national committee provides an effective means of promoting wider knowledge of IHL within the State system. The national committee most recently met in April 2024.
- Ireland is currently preparing its first national voluntary report on the implementation of IHL at the domestic level.
- In 2022 Ireland established a national advisory committee on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict (NAC). The NAC is an important element in the implementation of the Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict and its 2nd Protocol. To date, there have been six meetings of the NAC, most recently in April 2024.
- In July 2023, Ireland published a national position paper on the application of international law to cyberspace, which affirms *inter alia* that cyber operations which take place in the context of, or themselves amount to, an armed conflict are regulated by IHL.

- Ireland continues to be a strong supporter of the International Criminal Court and of the universality of the Rome Statute. Ireland's support has taken the form of voluntary financial contributions and cooperation with the Court in its investigations and prosecutions.

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Legal Affairs of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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