

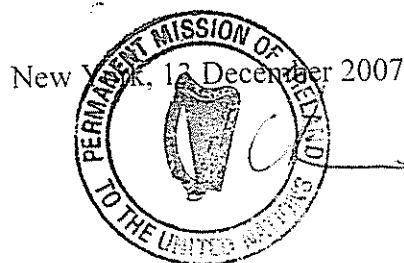


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The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations has the honour to refer to correspondence received from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1540, reference S/AC.44/2007/ODA/OC.27 dated 17 October 2007, to transmit herewith updated information from the Irish authorities in response to the letter and matrix supplied in the above mentioned correspondence.

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chair of the 1540 Committee the assurances of its highest consideration.



Chair of the 1540 Committee
c/o Ms. Hoon Bodek
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**IRELAND'S NATIONAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540
DECEMBER 2007**

Updated information in response to the letter and matrix supplied by the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1540, to the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, New York, 29 October 2007.

Operational Paragraph 1

Point 13

Ireland signed the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism on 16 September, 2005 and intends to ratify it by means of domestic legislation. This legislation is currently being prepared in the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform. The proposed Criminal Justice (Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism) Bill will provide for appropriate legal frameworks criminalising nuclear terrorism-related offences, the investigation of alleged offences, and, as appropriate, the arrest, prosecution, or extradition of offenders.

The Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism could be added to the matrix under 'Other Conventions/Treaties' with 'signed not ratified' in brackets.

Operational Paragraph 2 – Biological Weapons

Correction

The Firearms Acts of 1925, The Firearms and Offensive Weapons Act, 1990 and the Firearms and Offensive Weapons Act, 1990 (Offensive Weapons) Order, 1991 do not legislate for Biological Weapons, or the enforcement against activities connected to Biological Weapons.

Operational Paragraph 2 – Chemical Weapons

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The Firearms Acts of 1925, The Firearms and Offensive Weapons Act, 1990 and the Firearms and Offensive Weapons Act, 1990 (Offensive Weapons) Order, 1991 do not legislate for Chemical Weapons, or the enforcement against activities connected to Chemical Weapons.

Insert

The national legal framework for chemical weapons comes under the Chemical Weapons Act 1997, Section 3. 'YES' should be marked under points 1,2,3,4,5,7,8 and 14, with Chemical Weapons Act 1997, Section 3 under National Legal Framework at these same points.

Operational Paragraph 2 – Nuclear Weapons

Point 14

The Nuclear Test Ban Bill 2006 will provide the legislation needed to enable Ireland to implement its obligations under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was signed by Ireland in September 1996, and ratified in 1999. The Treaty requires each Contracting Party to take the necessary measures to prohibit the carrying out by any person anywhere on its

territory or any other place under its jurisdiction of a nuclear weapons test explosion or any other nuclear explosion.

The Bill will designate the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland as Ireland's National Authority and will, inter alia, provide for implementation of relevant aspects of the Treaty.

Operational Paragraph 3 (a) and (b) Control of Biological Weapons including related materials.

Point 9 Enforcement

Mark as YES, with the following source document

- Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Act 1998 and related Statutory Instruments.

Point 17 Enforcement

Mark as YES, with the following source document

- European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Goods by Road (ADR)

Operational Paragraph 3 (a) and (b) Control of Chemical Weapons including related materials.

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Operational Paragraph 3 (a) and (b) Control of Nuclear Weapons including related materials.

Point 21 Enforcement

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- European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Goods by Road (ADR)

Operational Paragraph 3 (c) and (d) Control of Biological Weapons including related materials.

Point 2 Enforcement

Mark as Yes, with the following source documents:

- Redeveloped Automated Entry Processing (AEP) System (released in June 2007).
- Mobile Container Scanner (operational since first quarter of 2006)
- National Freight Intelligence Unit (NFIU) profiling freight movements for suspect consignments.

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