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The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Legal Affairs of the United Nations and has the honour, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly Resolution 73/204 of 20 December 2018 and in response to the letter of 3 January 2020 (Reference: LA/COD /2/1), to submit the following information:

- In 2018, Ireland ratified the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and acceded to its related 1999 Second Protocol.
- On 24 October 2019, the President of Ireland delivered the keynote address at a joint Government/Irish Red Cross conference to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geneva Conventions. The event, which was also addressed by the Attorney General of Ireland, was a high-profile opportunity to disseminate the Geneva Conventions and their Protocols to society.
- Ireland's national committee on international humanitarian law (IHL) meets regularly under the chairmanship of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The national committee provides an effective means of promoting wider knowledge of IHL within the State system. The national committee most recently met on 13 November 2019 ahead of the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

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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