

## International Agreements signed but not ratified by Ireland

Entering into an international agreement by Ireland normally involves a two-step process; the State will first sign an international agreement, subject to ratification, and ratification will follow at a later stage. This interval between signature and ratification permits the State, through the responsible line Department, to take whatever legislative or administrative measures are required to fulfil the obligations assumed under the agreement. The length of time between signature and ratification may, therefore, depend on the complexities of the particular issues involved.

All international agreements to which Ireland becomes a party are laid before Dáil Éireann as required by Article 29.5.1 of the Constitution and as a matter of best practice in the interests of transparency this includes agreements of a technical and administrative character. The Irish Treaty Series is published by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on its website (<https://www.dfa.ie/our-role-policies/international-priorities/international-law/find-a-treaty/>) and can be consulted for information on international agreements to which the State is a party.

The following international agreements have been signed but not yet ratified by Ireland, as of 1 February 2016.

### Multilateral Treaties deposited with the Secretary General of the United Nations

Number	Title of Agreement	Signed	Depositary	Line Department
1.	Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, done on 12 November 2012	Signed by Ireland 20 December 2013	United Nations	Department of Health
2.	Minamata Convention on Mercury, done on 19 January 2013	Signed by Ireland 10 October 2013	United Nations	Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
3.	Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, done on 10 December 2008	Signed by Ireland on 23 March 2012	United Nations	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
4.	Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, done on 29 October 2010	Signed by Ireland on 1 February	United	Department of Arts, Heritage and

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		2012	Nations	the Gaeltacht
5.	Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done on 18 December 2002	Signed by Ireland on 2 October 2007	United Nations	Department of Justice and Equality
6.	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, done on 13 December 2006	Signed by Ireland on 30 March 2007	United Nations	Department of Justice and Equality
7.	International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, done on 20 December 2006	Signed by Ireland on 27 March 2007	United Nations	Department of Justice and Equality
8.	International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, done on 13 April 2005	Signed by Ireland on 19 September 2005	United Nations	Department of Justice and Equality
9.	Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, done on 21 May 2003	Signed by Ireland on 21 May 2003	United Nations	Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
10.	Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime, done on 15 November 2000	Signed by Ireland on 13 December 2000	United Nations	Department of Justice and Equality
11.	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, done on 25 May 2000	Signed by Ireland on 7 September 2000	United Nations	Department of Children and Youth Affairs

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12.	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution to abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground Level Ozone, done on 30 November 1999	Signed by Ireland on 1 December 1999	United Nations	Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
13.	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants, done on 24 June 1998	Signed by Ireland on 24 June 1998	United Nations	Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
14.	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Lang-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals, done on 24 June 1998	Signed by Ireland on 24 June 1998	United Nations	Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
15.	Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections, done on 13 November 1997	Signed by Ireland on 13 November 1997	United Nations	Department of Transport Tourism and Sport
16.	Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, done on 24 April 1963	Signed by Ireland on 24 April 1963	United Nations	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
17.	Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, done on 18 April 1961	Signed by Ireland on 18 April 1961	United Nations	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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**Council of Europe Treaties**

Number	Title of Agreement	Signed	Depositary	Line Department
18.	Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence	Signed by Ireland on 5 November 2015	Council of Europe	Department of Justice and Equality
19.	Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs	Signed by Ireland on 5 October 2015	Council of Europe	Department of Health
20.	Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, done on 16 May 2005	Signed by Ireland on 3 October 2008	Council of Europe	Department of Justice and Equality
21.	Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, done on 25 October 2007	Signed by Ireland on 25 October 2007	Council of Europe	Department of Justice and Equality
22.	Protocol amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, done on 15 May 2003	Signed by Ireland on 15 May 2003	Council of Europe	Department of Justice and Equality
23.	Convention on Cybercrime, done on 23 November 2001	Signed by Ireland on 28 February 2002	Council of Europe	Department of Justice and Equality

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24.	Additional Protocol to the European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid, done on 4 October 2001	Signed by Ireland on 5 October 2001	Council of Europe	Department of Justice and Equality
25.	Protocol No. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, done on 4 November 2000	Signed by Ireland on 4 November 2000	Council of Europe	Department of Justice and Equality
26.	Civil Law Convention on Corruption, done on 4 November 1999	Signed by Ireland on 4 November 1999	Council of Europe	Department of Justice and Equality
27.	European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights, done on 25 January 1996	Signed by Ireland on 25 January 1996	Council of Europe	Department of Children and Youth Affairs
28.	European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes, done on 18 March 1986	Signed by Ireland on 6 December 1990	Council of Europe	Department of Health
29.	European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches, done on 19 August 1985	Signed by Ireland on 3 November 1986	Council of Europe	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

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30.	European Convention on Social Security, done on 14 December 1972	Signed by Ireland on 23 February 1979	Council of Europe	Department of Social Protection
31.	Supplementary Agreement for the Application of the European Convention on Social Security, done on 14 December 1972	Signed by Ireland on 23 February 1979	Council of Europe	Department of Social Protection
32.	European Convention on the Control of the Acquisition and Possession of Firearms by Individuals, done on 28 June 1978	Signed by Ireland on 28 June 1978	Council of Europe	Department of Justice
33.	Convention relating to Stops on Bearer Securities in International Circulation, done on 28 May 1970	Signed by Ireland on 23 April 1974	Council of Europe	Department of Finance
34.	European Agreement on the Protection of Television Broadcasts, done on 22 June 1960	Signed by Ireland on 22 June 1960	Council of Europe	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
35.	European Convention for the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, done on 29 April 1957	Signed by Ireland on 29 April 1957	Council of Europe	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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**EU Agreements**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title of Agreement</b>	<b>Signed</b>	<b>Depositary</b>	<b>Line Department</b>
36.	Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part	Signed by Ireland on 21 December 2015	EU	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
37.	Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the State of Israel, of the other part	Signed by Ireland on 10 June 2013	EU	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
38.	Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part	Signed by Ireland on 30 April 2013	EU	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
39.	Agreement on a Unified Patent Court	Signed by Ireland on 19 February 2013	EU	Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
40.	Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, done on 11 July 2012	Signed by Ireland on 11 July 2012	EU	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
41.	Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part, done on 11 May 2012	Signed by Ireland on 11 May 2012	EU	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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42.	Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part.	Signed by Ireland on 30 June 2009	EU	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
43.	Convention on centralised customs clearance, concerning the allocation of national collection costs retained when traditional own resources are made available to the EU budget, done on 10 March 2009.	Signed by Ireland on 10 March 2009	EU	Department of Finance
44.	Convention on the Accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the Convention on the Law applicable to Contractual Obligations, opened for signature in Rome on 19 June 1980, and to the First and Second Protocols on its interpretation by the Court of Justice of the European Communities, done on 14 April 2005	Signed by Ireland on 14 April 2005	EU	Department of Justice and Equality
45.	Decision of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the privileges and immunities granted to the European Defence Agency and to its staff members, done on 10 November 2004	Signed by Ireland on 10 November 2004	EU	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
46.	Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, to combat fraud and any other illegal activity to the detriment of their financial interests, done on 26 October 2004	Signed by Ireland on 26 October 2004	EU	Department of Justice and Equality
47.	Agreement between the Member States of the European Union concerning claims introduced by each Member State against any other Member State for damage to any property owned, used or operated by it or injury or death suffered by any military or civilian staff of its services, in the context of an EU crisis management operation, done on 28 April 2004	Signed by Ireland on 28 April 2004	EU	Department of Defence
48.	Agreement between the EU Member States concerning the status of military and civilian staff on secondment to the Military Staff of the European Union, of the headquarters and forces which may be made available to the European Union in the context of the preparation and execution of the tasks referred to in Article 17(2) of the Treaty on European Union, including exercises, and of the military and civilian staff of the Member States put at the disposal of the European Union to act in this context (EU	Signed by Ireland on 17 November 2003	EU	Department of Defence



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	SOFA), done on 17 November 2003			
49.	Protocol, established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, to the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union, done on 16 October 2001	Signed by Ireland on 16 October 2001	EU	Department of Justice and Equality
50.	Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on the privileges and immunities granted to the European Union Institute for Security Studies and the European Union Satellite Centre, and to their bodies and staff members, done on 15 October 2001	Signed by Ireland on 15 October 2001	EU	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
51.	Convention, established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on the European Union, on mutual assistance in criminal matters between the Member States of the European Union, done on 29 May 2000	Signed by Ireland on 29 May 2000	EU	Department of Justice and Equality
52.	First Protocol on the interpretation by the Court of Justice of the European Communities of the Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations, opened for signature in Rome on 19 June 1980, done on 19 December 1988	Signed by Ireland on 19 December 1988	EU	Department of Justice and Equality

## Other Multilateral Agreements

Number	Title of Agreement	Signed	Depositary	Line Department
53.	Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled	Signed by Ireland on 20 June 2014	WIPO	Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
54.	Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances	Signed by Ireland on 19 June 2013	WIPO	Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

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55.	Hague Convention on the International Protection of Adults, done on 13 January 2000	Signed by Ireland on 18 September 2008	Hcch	Department of Justice and Equality
56.	Universal Postal Union Convention and Final Protocol, done on 12 August 2008	Signed by Ireland on 12 August 2008	Universal Postal Union	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
57.	First Additional Protocol to the General Regulations (Universal Postal Union), done on 12 August 2008	Signed by Ireland on 12 August 2008	Universal Postal Union	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
58.	8 <sup>th</sup> Additional Protocol to the Universal Postal Union Constitution, done on 12 August 2008	Signed by Ireland on 12 August 2008	Universal Postal Union	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
59.	Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III), done on 8 December 2005	Signed by Ireland on 20 June 2006	Swiss Federal Council	Department of Defence
60.	Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, done on 14 May 1954	Signed by Ireland on 14 May 1954	UNESCO	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## Bilateral Agreements

Number	Title of Agreement	Signed	Depositary	Line Department
61.	Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing the Independent Commission on Information Retrieval	15 October 2015	n/a	Department of Justice and Equality

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62.	Seat Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the European Union (European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions)	Signed by Ireland on 10 November 2015	n/a	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
63.	Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Driving Disqualifications between Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Signed by Ireland on 30 October 2015	n/a	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
64.	Air Transport Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	Signed by Ireland on 3 November 2014	n/a	Department of Transport
65.	Memorandum of Understanding concerning cooperation in the field of Higher Education and Scientific Research between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Arab Emirates	Signed by Ireland on 9 January 2014	n/a	Department of Education
66.	Agreement between Ireland and Malta on cooperation in combating illicit drug trafficking, money laundering, organised crime, trafficking in persons, terrorism and other serious crime	Signed by Ireland on 26 February 2009	n/a	Department of Justice