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The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to Special Procedures Joint Communication OL IRL 1/2025.

With reference to the aforementioned communication, enclosed please find a supplementary response from the Government of Ireland.

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 11 August 2026

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights



**Follow-up Response to Joint Communication from Special Procedures, Office of the
High Commissioner for Human Rights – OL IRL1/2025**

The Government of Ireland notes its commitment in its initial response to the Joint Communication of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; the Special Rapporteur on extra judicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, of 30 October 2025 to respond fully to questions posed on page 13 of the Joint Communication in due course.

Building on its initial response of 3 November 2023, the Government of Ireland provides the following points by way of update on the implementation of the Joint Framework between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland on addressing the legacy of the Troubles:

1. In relation to question 4 and the commitment under the Joint Framework that the Government of Ireland would, by the end of 2025, establish a dedicated unit within An Garda Síochána as a central point of contact for victims and families in relation to Troubles-related investigations undertaken by An Garda Síochána. The Troubles Legacy Liaison Unit was established at the beginning of the year and is now operational.
2. In relation to question 5, firstly, cooperation in criminal investigations will continue to take place under existing Mutual Legal Assistance mechanisms. Secondly, the General Scheme of the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026 (the “Bill”) – the legislation which will implement the core commitments made by the Government of Ireland under the Joint Framework – was agreed by the Government on 9 June and subsequently published [here](#). The General Scheme outlines the provisions of the Bill (known as ‘Heads’) in relatively broad terms including detailed explanatory notes under each Head explaining their purpose. In this way, the General Scheme sets out in general terms what each provision of the Bill is intended to achieve, and it is on this basis that the Bill is now being drafted. As the specific intent of the Bill is to enable co-operation with the reformed Legacy Commission that is the subject of the UK Northern Ireland Troubles Bill, it is necessary for the Government of Ireland to await the enactment of the UK

Northern Ireland Troubles Bill before proceeding with the next legislative stage of the Bill (i.e. publication of the Bill and First Stage in the Oireachtas).

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