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Statement of Ireland
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Chair,

1. Although international humanitarian law (IHL) provides a strong framework for the protection of those most vulnerable in situations of armed conflict, there continue to be widespread failures to implement and comply with it, and indeed serious violations of it. In Ireland's view, therefore, it is important that the Sixth Committee continue to review the status of the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions and the implementation of IHL more generally.
2. Ireland welcomes the Secretary-General's report on the status of the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions and measures taken to strengthen the existing body of IHL. The report usefully collates the information provided by states and the ICRC in accordance with the most recent resolution. We encourage all states to consider doing so.
5. Ireland also recently established a National Advisory Committee on the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict, which will be an important aspect of the



Consequences arising from the use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas. The consultations concluded in June and the Declaration will be adopted at a high-level international conference in Dublin on 18 November. The Declaration recognises the immense humanitarian consequences of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, and sets out actions