

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission of the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the Other States Participating in the Partnership for Peace and has the honor to refer to the Agreement among the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the Other States Participating in the Partnership for Peace Regarding the Status of Their Forces, which was done at Brussels on June 19, 1995 (the Agreement), and for which the United States of America is the depositary.

In performance of depositary duties, the Secretary of State has the honor to inform the Chiefs of Mission that Ireland signed the Agreement on February 28, 2019. At the time of signature, Ireland submitted an instrument that communicates a reservation to the Agreement. A copy of that instrument is enclosed.

The Secretary of State has the further honor to inform the Chiefs of Mission that on April 9, 2019, Ireland deposited an instrument of ratification of the Agreement. The instrument of ratification confirms the aforementioned reservation. In accordance with Article V, paragraph 3 of the Agreement, the Agreement enters into force for Ireland on May 9, 2019.

The Secretary of State would be grateful if the Chiefs of Mission would transmit this information to their respective governments.

Enclosure:

As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, April 12, 2019.

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IRELAND
RESERVATION

I, Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland,

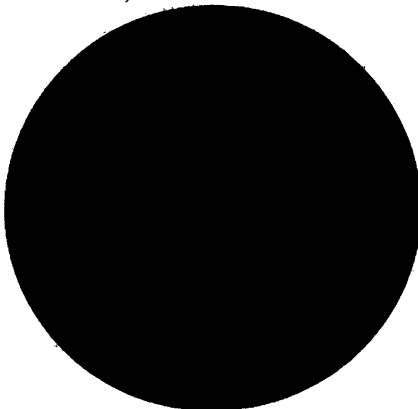
HEREBY DECLARE that the Government of Ireland make the following reservation in relation to the Agreement among the States parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the other States participating in the Partnership for Peace regarding the status of their forces, done at Brussels on 19 June 1995:

“Having regard to:

- the specific character of the security and defence policy of Ireland;
- the provisions of the present Agreement, which provide that the forces of one State Party may be sent and received, by arrangement, into the territory of another State Party and that any such arrangement must be agreed by the receiving state;
- the prohibition under Ireland’s Constitution of the maintenance within the State of the armed forces of any other state;

Ireland shall not be a receiving state for the purposes of the present Agreement, and the application of, in particular, Articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Agreement between Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their Forces, done at London on 19 June 1951, within the territory of Ireland shall not arise accordingly.”

GIVEN AT Dublin under my Official Seal this 18th day of February 2019.



Simon Coveney, T.D.
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade