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## Q1 INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

Name of the party **Ireland**

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**Q2** Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited **Date** **18/03/2019**

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**Q3** Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party **Date** **01/01/2018**

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## Q4 INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

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<b>Q6 DATE THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED</b>	Date	<b>12/12/2019</b>
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<b>Q7 1.</b> Does the party have any primary mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party? (Para. 3.)	<b>No</b>
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<b>Q8 c.</b> If yes, please indicate Total amount mined _____ metric tons per year	-
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<b>Q9</b> Additional information on this question if needed	-
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<b>Q10 3.</b> Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory? (Para. 5.)	<b>Yes</b>
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<b>Q11</b> If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above: i. Please attach the results of your endeavour or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round.	-
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**Q12** ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stock and sources.

1. While there is one natural gas cleaning facility within the State the operation does not require mercury purification due to the quality of the gas. This is a licensed facility and so will monitor the situation regularly.
2. The Commission for Irish Lights are upgrading their lighting technology in lighthouses resulting in the generation of elemental mercury but in quantities below reporting thresholds. The waste elemental mercury went to another EU Member State for environmental sound management.
3. Ireland employs a comprehensive licensing regime which would assist in identification of any such stocks of mercury.

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**Q13** 5. Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non parties, for all exports of mercury from the party's territory in the reporting period. (Para. 6, para. 7.) **No**

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**Q14** If yes, a. and the party has submitted copies of the consent forms to the secretariat, then no further information is needed. If the party has not previously provided such copies, it is recommended that it do so. Otherwise, please provide other suitable information showing that the relevant requirements of paragraph 6 of article 3 have been met. Supplemental: please provide information on the use of the exported mercury. -

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**Q15** Kindly attach all relevant information here -

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**Q16** b. If exports were based on a general notification in accordance with article 3, paragraph 7, please indicate, if available, the total amount exported and any relevant terms or conditions in the general notification related to use. -

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**Q17** Kindly attach any relevant information here -

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**Q18** Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below. -

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**Q19** 2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory? **No**

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**Q20** If yes, if the information is available, how much waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds has been subjected to final disposal under the reporting period? Please specify the method of the final disposal operation/operations. -

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**Q21** Kindly attach any additional relevant information here -

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**Q22** Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below. -

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**Q23** Part C. Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1) -

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**Q24** Part D. Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any

The incorporation of a facility to save the report input in Portable Document Format (pdf) form would be beneficial.

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**Q25** Additional information to supplement that request may be attached -

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