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**(Treaty Action) Amendment of the Declaration made by Ireland upon its
ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the
Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts**

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22 December 2014

His Excellency
Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations

Dear Secretary-General,

I refer to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict and the declaration made by Ireland, pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, when depositing its instrument of ratification in respect of the aforementioned Protocol on 18 November 2002.

I would like to notify you, on behalf of Ireland, pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, of the following amended declaration:

“Pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, Ireland declares:

The minimum age for voluntary recruitment into the Irish armed forces is 18 years of age. All recruitment to the Irish armed forces is voluntary. Ireland does not practice conscription and recruitment campaigns are informational in nature. Applicants must fill in an application and are selected on the basis of suitability. Applicants who are offered a position are under no obligation to accept that position. All applicants are required to provide proof of age.”

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Charles Flanagan T.D.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland