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**Withdrawal of a Reservation entered by Ireland on its ratification
of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

Ireland's instrument of withdrawal signed on 8 December 2011, deposited on 15 December
2011

Entered into force on 15 December 2011

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

**WITHDRAWAL OF A RESERVATION ENTERED BY IRELAND ON ITS
RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL
RIGHTS**

Whereas the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights was done at New York on 16 December 1966;

And Whereas the said Covenant was ratified, on behalf of Ireland, on 8 December, 1989, subject to a Declaration under Article 41 thereof and to the Declaration and Reservations annexed to the instrument of ratification dated 7 December 1989;

And Whereas a Reservation to Article 19, paragraph 2, of the said Covenant was annexed to the instrument of ratification in the following terms:

“Ireland reserves the right to confer a monopoly on or require the licensing of broadcasting enterprises.”

And Whereas legal provisions have now been introduced in Ireland providing for full compliance with Article 19, paragraph 2 of the said Covenant;

Now Therefore, I, Eamon Gilmore T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland, hereby notify the Secretary General of the United Nations that Ireland withdraws the said Reservation to Article 19, paragraph 2 of the said Covenant.

Given at Dublin, under my Official Seal the 8th day of December 2011

(Signed)

Eamon Gilmore, T.D.

Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland