

Domestic Implementation of International Obligations

This Paper comprises the second and final element of the Commission's research on the domestic implementation of Ireland's international obligations.

The first element of the project was the publication in 2018 of a [Draft Inventory of International Agreements Entered into by the State \(LRC IP 14-2018\)](#), which lists the 1,400 international agreements that the State has either ratified or signed, organised under 30 subject headings. The 2018 Draft Inventory and the Discussion Paper differ from many other Commission publications in that they are primarily descriptive and do not involve recommendations for law reform. The Commission hopes that the Paper may be of practical use to policy makers, the Oireachtas, statutory bodies, NGOs and academics.

The Discussion Paper:

- describes the development of Ireland's active participation in the international law community since 1922;
- discusses the process involved in implementing international agreements;
- discusses examples of best practice in ratifying international agreements; and
- describes the role played by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Oireachtas, the courts, the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, NGOs and international monitoring bodies, which ensure that the highest possible standards are applied in the ongoing implementation of Ireland's international obligations.