

**APPENDIX B: OUTLINE CHRONOLOGY OF EVOLUTION OF LAW SINCE THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT**

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| 1983 | Eighth Amendment of the Constitution: inclusion of Article 40.3.3° (right to life of the unborn with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother).   |
| 1992 | Decision of Supreme Court in <i>Attorney General v. X</i> [1992] 1 I.R. 1.   |
| 1992 | Proposed Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution to deal with right to life of the unborn rejected.  |
| 1992 | Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution provided that Article 4.3.3° would not limit freedom to travel between Ireland and another state (right to travel).   |
| 1992 | Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution provided that Article 40.3.3° would not limit freedom to obtain or make available information in relation to services lawfully available in another state (right to information). |
| 1995 | Enactment of Regulation of Information (Services outside the State for Termination of Pregnancies) Act 1995.   |

- 1996 Report of the Constitution Review Group under the chairmanship of Dr. T.K. Whitaker, including, *inter alia*, commentary on Article 40.3.3°, published.
- 1999 Green Paper on Abortion published.
- 2000 Fifth Progress Report (Abortion) of the All-Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution under the chairmanship of the late Brian Lenihan, T.D. published.
- 2002 Proposed Twenty Fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Protection of Human Life in Pregnancy) rejected.
- 2010 Judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in *A,B & C v. Ireland*.
- 2012 Report of Expert Group on the judgment in *A,B & C v. Ireland* under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Sean Ryan published in November 2012.
- 2013 Report of Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health and Children under the chairmanship of Jerry Buttimer, T.D. on implementation of the Government decision following the publication of the Expert Group Report published.

- 2013 Protection of Life during Pregnancy Act 2013 enacted.
- 2014 “Implementation of the Protection of Life during Pregnancy Act 2013 – Guidance Document for Health Professionals” published by the Department of Health.
- 2015 Thirty First Amendment of the Constitution provided for an Article expressly relating to children (Article 42A).
- 2016 Opinion of the Human Rights Committee on the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in *Mellet v. Ireland* (CCPR/C/116/D/2324/2013).