

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) (Goods)

DATE: August 14, 2014	
REFERENCE: UNDP/Projects/720/2014	

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for the supply and delivery of **gauge manifolds (LOT 1) and electronic leak detectors for refrigerants (LOT 2)** as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ. When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the forms attached hereto as Annex 1, 2, 3.

Quotations may be submitted on or before 10 September, 2014, 17.00 local (Minsk) time and via $\boxtimes e$ -mail, $\boxtimes courier$ mail or $\boxtimes facsimile$ to the address below:

United Nations Development Programme 220050, Republic of Belarus, Minsk, Kirov str., 17, 6th floor Receptionist +375 (17) 226 03 40 (fax), <u>tenders.by@undp.org</u>

Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 7MB, virus-free and no more than 5 email transmissions. They must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.

It shall remain your responsibility to ensure that your quotation will reach the address above on or before the deadline (contact phone: +375 (17) 327 48 76). Quotations that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your quotation by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Please take note of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to the supply of the abovementioned goods:

Delivery Terms	DAP Minsk, Republic of Belarus
[INCOTERMS 2010]	
Customs clearance, if needed,	⊠UNDP
shall be done by	

Documents to be submitted	 Documents confirming quality of the offered goods (quality/conformity certificate for the goods, other certificates/documents confirming quality of goods), ISO 9001 certificate or equivalent national certificates (if available); Latest Business Registration Certificate; 		
operating manuals, shall be in this language	☐ Duly completed forms as provided in Annex 1, 2, 3;		
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and	⊠ English ⊠ Russian or Belarusian		
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	17.00 local (Minsk) time, September 10, 2014		
	 Warranty on Parts and Labor: -for a minimum period of twenty four (24) months from the delivery date under LOT 1, 2. Brand new replacement if purchased unit is beyond repair shall be done by the Supplier and at the Supplier's cost 		
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation After-sales services required	The price proposals of the Offerors, non-residents of the Republic of Belarus shall not include VAT. In the price proposals of the Offerors, residents of the Republic of Belarus, VAT, if included, shall be clearly indicated in the price proposal. In such a case, VAT, if any, will be paid to the Supplier and reimbursed to UNDP by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus. The price proposals of the Offerors will be compared without VAT		
Preferred Currency of Quotation	 United States Dollar Euro Belarusian Ruble. The contract will be signed and the payment will be made in the currency of submitted quotation 		
Mode of Transport	⊠ AIR ⊠LAND ⊠ SEA		
Packing Requirements	Not Required Packing must ensure undamaged delivery of all items		
Latest Expected Delivery Date and Time <i>(if delivery time exceeds this, quote may be rejected by UNDP)</i> Delivery Schedule	Solution 90 days from the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO)		
Distribution of shipping documents	Shipping documents should be sent to the address: UN/UNDP Office in Belarus (project 00084272), 220050, Belarus, Minsk, Kirova str., 17, 6th floor. Copies of the documents should be sent to the e-mail address: sergei.bobrovskih@undp.org		
UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if any	Not applicable		
Exact Address/es of Delivery Location/s (identify all, if multiple)	8, Artilleristov str., Minsk, Republic of Belarus		

	 Certification or authorization to act as agent in behalf of the manufacturer (power of attorney, distributor agreement, etc) if an Offeror is not the manufacturer; Documentary evidence of the technical parameters of the offered goods (technical details of the goods offered in the form of catalogues/descriptive literature/manuals with schematic drawings/images of the goods)
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Date	\boxtimes 90 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Offeror to
starting the submission date	extend the validity of the Quotation beyond what has been initially
	indicated in this RFQ. The Offeror shall then confirm the extension
	in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Quotation
Lot-wise Quotes	Permitted. An offer may be submitted for any single lot or for
	all lots. Evaluation of offers will be conducted lot-wise
Partial Quotes	Not permitted under each lot
Payment Terms	\boxtimes 100% upon complete delivery and acceptance of goods for each shipment of goods
Liquidated Damages	0.1% of contract amount for every day of delay, up to a maximum duration of 1 calendar month. Thereafter, the contract may be terminated
Evaluation Criteria	 Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to RFQ requirements and lowest price Full acceptance of the Purchase Order/Contract General Terms and Conditions
UNDP will award Contract to	○ One or two Suppliers, depending on the following factors: the contract will be awarded <u>under each separate lot</u> to the quotation that complies with all of the specifications, requirements as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated in the RFQ and offers the lowest price
Type of Contract to be Signed	Purchase Order (PO), PO form is posted at <u>www.undp.by</u> (<u>http://undp.by/en/undp/tenders/conditions/</u>)
Special conditions of Contract	Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by 30 calendar days
Conditions for Release of	☑ Written Acceptance of Goods based on full compliance with
Payment	Contract/Purchase Order requirements
Annexes to this RFQ	 Specifications of the Goods Required (Annex 1) Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 4) Others: Company Background Information Form (Annex 3) Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions
	(GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process

Contact Person for Inquiries	Sergei Bobrovskih	
(Written inquiries only)	Procurement Specialist, UNDP/GEF Project "Initial Implementation of Accelerated HCFC Phase Out in the CEIT Region" sergei.bobrovskih@undp.org	
	Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers	

Goods offered shall be reviewed based on completeness and compliance of the quotation with the minimum specifications described above and any other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The quotation that complies with all of the specifications, requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated, shall be selected. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price (obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity) shall be re-computed by UNDP. The unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the supplier does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected.

After UNDP has identified the lowest price offer, UNDP reserves the right to award the contract based only on the prices of the goods in the event that the transportation cost (freight and insurance) is found to be higher than UNDP's own estimated cost if sourced from its own freight forwarder and insurance provider.

At any time during the validity of the quotation, no price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the quotation. At the time of award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a quotation implies that the vendor accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP herein attached as Annex 4.

UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract/Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier's preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

Please be advised that UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a purchase order or contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link: http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml.

UNDP encourages every prospective Vendor to avoid and prevent conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its suppliers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link : <u>http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf</u>

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Sincerely yours,

Iryna Dubouskaya Procurement Analyst August 14, 2014

Annex 1 REFERENCE: UNDP/Projects/720/2014

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

LOT 1. GAUGE MANIFOLD (STATION)

The gauge manifolds (stations) are procured within the framework of the UNDP/GEF technical assistance project "Initial Implementation of Accelerated HCFC Phase Out in the CEIT Region" for work with the refrigeration equipment.

Quantity of procured gauge manifolds (stations) – 93.

ltem to be Supplied	Quantity	Description / Specifications of Goods (required)	Description / Specifications of Goods (offered) Please indicate parameters of the offered goods
		Model, manufacturer, country of origin	Please indicate for the offered goods: Model: Manufacturer: Country of origin:
		1. Type: 4-way service gauge manifold with accessories. Intended for use throughout the year at air temperatures from -30 to +40°C;	Please indicate conformity with type and temperature:
		2. Year of manufacture: 2014 (brand new);	
Gauge manifold		3. MANIFOLD : 4 valve service manifold with gauges;	
(station) with	93 sets	3.1. Type of gauge: Oil-filled, class 1;	
accessories		3.2. Diameter of gauges, mm: Not less than 80;	
		 3.3. Gauge scale: For HCFCs, HFCs, including minimum: 1) R22, R134A, R407C, R404A for 36 manifolds; 2) R134A, R407C, R410A, R404A for 57 	<i>Please indicate the specific types of refrigerants the scale is intended for:</i>
		manifolds; 3.4. Built-in sight glass: Available;	
		3.5. Scales: Psi/bar;	
		4. ACCESSORIES (for each gauge manifold):	

4.1. Standard hoses (blue/red/yellow), set: one (1) set of three (3) standard charging hoses with manual shut-off valves (for each hose);	
4.1.1. Standard hose length, mm: Not less than 1800;	
4.1. 2. Permissible pressure, bar: Not less than 45;	
4.2. Vacuum meter, oil-filled, 1 class, with connection hose, pc.: One (1);	
4. WARRANTY: Standard manufacturer's warranty but not less than 24 months from the date of delivery;	
5. OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS, TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE: In English and Russian or Belarusian;	Please indicate language of technical documentation:
6. DOCUMENTS confirming quality of the offered goods: Copy of valid quality/conformity certificate (or other certificate/document confirming quality) for the offered goods and copy of valid ISO 9001 certificate or equivalent national certificate (if available) shall be included in the offer.	Please indicate type, number, validity of relevant certificate:

LOT 2. ELECTRONIC LEAK DETECTOR FOR REFRIGERANTS

The electronic leak detectors for refrigerants are procured within the framework of the UNDP/GEF technical assistance project "Initial Implementation of Accelerated HCFC Phase Out in the CEIT Region" and are intended for work with the refrigeration equipment.

Quantity of procured electronic leak detectors for refrigerants – 94.

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Item to be Supplied	Quantity	Description / Specifications of Goods (required)	Description / Specifications of Goods (offered) Please indicate parameters of the offered goods
		Model, manufacturer, country of origin	Please indicate for the offered goods: Model: Manufacturer: Country of origin:
		1. Type: Leak detector for detection of CFCs, HCFCs, HFCs. Intended for use at ambient working temperatures from -30 to +40°C;	Please indicate conformity with type and temperature:
		2. Year of manufacture: 2014 (brand new);	
		3. Detection: CFCs, HCFCs, HFCs;	Please indicate all detected groups of substances:
Electronic leak	94 units	4. Sensitivity, g/year: Not less than 5;	
detector for refrigerants		5. Power supply: Battery or rechargeable battery-operated;	
		6. Portability: Hand-held;	
		7. Sensor tip, pc.: Five (5) (1 - part of leak detector set+4 spare sensor tips) for each leak detector;	
		4. WARRANTY: Standard manufacturer's warranty but not less than 24 months from the date of delivery;	
		5. OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS, TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE: Set of manuals In English and Russian or Belarusian;	Please indicate language of technical documentation:

7. DOCUMENTS confirming quality of the offered goods: Copy of valid quality/conformity certificate (or other certificate/document confirming quality) for the offered goods and copy of valid ISO 9001 certificate or equivalent national certificate (if available) shall be included in the offer	Please indicate type, number, validity of relevant certificate:
included in the offer.	

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery)

We, the undersigned, hereby accept in full the UNDP General Terms and Conditions, and hereby offer to supply the items listed below in conformity with the specification and requirements of UNDP as per RFQ Reference No. UNDP/Projects/720/2014:

TABLE 1 : Offer to Supply Goods Compliant with Technical Specifications and Requirements – LOT 1

ltem No.	Description/Specification of Goods	Quantity, Unit of measure ment	Latest Delivery Date (DAP Minsk)	Unit Price* (less VAT)	Total Price per Item* (less VAT)
1	Gauge manifold (station) with accessories (as per the technical	93 sets			
	specifications of Annex 1, Lot 1)				
2	Add : Other Charges (VAT if applicable)				
3	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation (DAP Minsk, Republic of Belarus)				
	Currency of offer				
	Country of origin ¹				
	Estimated weight/volume/dimension of the Consignment				

*Unit Price and Total Price per item should be based on terms of delivery: DAP Minsk, Republic of Belarus (Incoterms 2010).

[Name and Signature of the Supplier's Authorized Person] [Designation] [Date]

1. If the country of origin requires Export License for the goods being procured, or other relevant documents that the country of destination may require, the supplier must submit them to UNDP if awarded the PO/contract.

TABLE 1 : Offer to Supply Goods Compliant with Technical Specifications and Requirements – LOT 2

ltem No.	Description/Specification of Goods	Quantity, Unit of measure ment	Latest Delivery Date (DAP Minsk)	Unit Price* (less VAT)	Total Price per Item* (less VAT)
1	Electronic leak detector for refrigerants (as per the technical specifications of Annex 1, Lot 2)	94 units			
2	Add : Other Charges (VAT if applicable)				
3	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation (DAP Minsk, Republic of Belarus)				
	Currency of offer				
	Country of origin ¹				
	Estimated weight/volume/dimension of the Consignment				

*Unit Price and Total Price per item should be based on terms of delivery: DAP Minsk, Republic of Belarus (Incoterms 2010).

[Name and Signature of the Supplier's Authorized Person] [Designation] [Date]

1. If the country of origin requires Export License for the goods being procured, or other relevant documents that the country of destination may require, the supplier must submit them to UNDP if awarded the PO/contract.

TABLE 2 : Offer to Comply with Other Conditions and Related Requirements

Other Information pertaining to our	Your Responses			
Quotation are as follows :	Yes, we will comply	No, we cannot comply	lf you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal	
Delivery Lead Time [not later than 90 days from the date of signing of the contract]				
Terms of delivery [DAP Minsk, Republic of Belarus]				
Warranty and After-Sales Requirements				
 a) Minimum twenty four (24) months warranty 				
 b) Brand new replacement if Purchased Unit is beyond repair within warranty period 				
 c) After sales service - availability of technical support service 				
Validity of Quotation [not less than 90 days starting from the Submission Date]				
Payment terms [100% upon complete delivery and acceptance of goods for each shipment of goods]				
All Provisions of the UNDP General Terms and Conditions (Annex 4) and Special Conditions				

We hereby declare of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List.

All other information that we have not provided automatically implies our full compliance with the requirements, terms and conditions of the RFQ.

Annex 3 REFERENCE: UNDP/Projects/720/2014

Company Background Information

Each legal entity or individual enterpriser submitting the quotation shall complete the form:

1	Name of Offeror:	
2	Address:	
3	Telephone Number:	E-mail:
4	Fax Number:	Contact Person:
5	Country of Registration:	Registration Year:
6	Name of Body Issuing Business Registration Certificate:	
7	Name and Position of the Head of Company/Organization:	
8	Contact Person under the Offer:	
9	Bank Details:	
10	Conditions for warranty and post warranty servicing of the offered goods (term for replacement or repair of the defective product/parts, etc.) and information on the Manufacturer's authorized agent (name, location, contact details) responsible for provision of warranty maintenance in the country of end-user of the goods (Republic of Belarus) or abroad:	

General Terms and Conditions

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER

This Purchase Order may only be accepted by the Supplier's signing and returning an acknowledgement copy of it or by timely delivery of the goods in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order, as herein specified. Acceptance of this Purchase Order shall effect a contract between the Parties under which the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be governed solely by the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including these General Conditions. No additional or inconsistent provisions proposed by the Supplier shall bind UNDP unless agreed to in writing by a duly authorized official of UNDP.

2. PAYMENT

- 2.1 UNDP shall, on fulfillment of the Delivery Terms, unless otherwise provided in this Purchase Order, make payment within 30 days of receipt of the Supplier's invoice for the goods and copies of the shipping documents specified in this Purchase Order.
- 2.2 Payment against the invoice referred to above will reflect any discount shown under the payment terms of this Purchase Order, provided payment is made within the period required by such payment terms.
- 2.3 Unless authorized by UNDP, the Supplier shall submit one invoice in respect of this Purchase Order, and such invoice must indicate the Purchase Order's identification number.
- 2.4 The prices shown in this Purchase Order may not be increased except by express written agreement of UNDP.

3. TAX EXEMPTION

- 3.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for utilities services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize UNDP's exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Supplier shall immediately consult with UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.
 - 3.2 Accordingly, the Supplier authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Supplier's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Supplier has consulted with UNDP before the payment thereof and UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Supplier to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Supplier shall provide UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

4. RISK OF LOSS

Risk of loss, damage to or destruction of the goods shall be governed in accordance with Incoterms 2010, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties on the front side of this Purchase Order.

5. EXPORT LICENCES

Notwithstanding any INCOTERM 2010 used in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall obtain any export licences required for the goods.

6. FITNESS OF GOODS/PACKAGING

The Supplier warrants that the goods, including packaging, conform to the specifications for the goods ordered under this Purchase Order and are fit for the purposes for which such goods are ordinarily used and for purposes expressly made known to the Supplier by UNDP, and are free from defects in workmanship and materials. The Supplier also warrants that the goods are contained or packaged adequately to protect the goods.

7. INSPECTION

- 7.1 UNDP shall have a reasonable time after delivery of the goods to inspect them and to reject and refuse acceptance of goods not conforming to this Purchase Order; payment for goods pursuant to this Purchase Order shall not be deemed an acceptance of the goods.
- 7.2 Inspection prior to shipment does not relieve the Supplier from any of its contractual obligations.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT

The Supplier warrants that the use or supply by UNDP of the goods sold under this Purchase Order does not infringe any patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark. In addition, the Supplier shall, pursuant to this warranty, indemnify, defend and hold UNDP and the United Nations harmless from any actions or claims brought against UNDP or the United Nations pertaining to the alleged infringement of a patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark arising in connection with the goods sold under this Purchase Order.

9. RIGHTS OF UNDP

In case of failure by the Supplier to fulfil its obligations under the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including but not limited to failure to obtain necessary export licences, or to make delivery of all or part of the goods by the agreed delivery date or dates, UNDP may, after giving the Supplier reasonable notice to perform and without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, exercise one or more of the following rights:

- 9.1 Procure all or part of the goods from other sources, in which event UNDP may hold the Supplier responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- 9.2 Refuse to accept delivery of all or part of the goods.

9.3 Cancel this Purchase Order without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

10. LATE DELIVERY

Without limiting any other rights or obligations of the parties hereunder, if the Supplier will be unable to deliver the goods by the delivery date(s) stipulated in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall (i) immediately consult with UNDP to determine the most expeditious means for delivering the goods and (ii) use an expedited means of delivery, at the Supplier's cost (unless the delay is due to Force Majeure), if reasonably so requested by UNDP.

11. ASSIGNMENT AND INSOLVENCY

- 11.1. The Supplier shall not, except after obtaining the written consent of UNDP, assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Purchase Order, or any part thereof, or any of the Supplier's rights or obligations under this Purchase Order.
- 11.2. Should the Supplier become insolvent or should control of the Supplier change by virtue of insolvency, UNDP may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, immediately terminate this Purchase Order by giving the Supplier written notice of termination.

12. USE OF UNDP OR UNITED NATIONS NAME OR EMBLEM

The Supplier shall not use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or the United Nations for any purpose.

13. PROHIBITION ON ADVERTISING

The Supplier shall not advertise or otherwise make public that it is furnishing goods or services to UNDP without specific permission of UNDP in each instance.

14. CHILD LABOUR

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

15. MINES

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to

the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

16. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- **16.1 Amicable Settlement.** The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties.
- **16.2 Arbitration.** Unless, any such dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof is settled amicably under the preceding paragraph of this Section within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement, such dispute, controversy or claim shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining, including its provisions on applicable law. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

17. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or related to these General Terms and Conditions or this Purchase Order shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

18.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by it or by any of its employees or any other persons who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged by it from, exchanging any money, goods, services, offers of employment or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.

18.2 UNDP shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

19.0 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:

The Contractor warrants that no official of UNDP or the United Nations has received or will be offered by the Contractor any direct or indirect benefit arising from this Contract or the award thereof. The Contractor agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this Contract.

20. AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possess the authority to agree on behalf of UNDP to any modification of or change in this Agreement, to a waiver of any of its provisions or to any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Contractor. Accordingly, no modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by an amendment to this Agreement signed by the Contractor and jointly by the UNDP Authorized Official.