

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

To All Bidders	DATE: March 18, 2015
	REFERENCE: RFQ013/15

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for Supply and Delivery of Ballistic Vest, Helmet and Hard Armor Upgrade Panels/ UNDP Iraq - Basra office, as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ. When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2.

Quotations may be submitted <u>on or before 17:00 hours, March 28, 2015 Baghdad Local Time</u> and via *e-mail or courier* to the address below:

United Nations Development Programme RFQ No. 013/15 UNDP Iraq Not to be opened by Registry Attention: Ali Salam – Procurement Analyst Iraq, Baghdad, International Zone, UNAMI Compound

Or

Via email: *bids.iraq@undp.org*

Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 7 MB, 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. 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 good/s:

Delivery Terms	⊠DAP - UNDP Iraq – Basra Office		
[INCOTERMS 2010]	DAI - UNDI IIaq - Dasia Office		
(Pls. link this to price schedule)			
Customs clearance, if needed, shall be	Supplier/Offeror		
done by:			
Delivery Address	UNDP Iraq – Basra office		
	UN compound		
	Basra, Iraq		
UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if	N/A		
any Distribution of shipping documents (<i>if</i>	N/A		
<i>using freight forwarder</i>)	N/A		
Latest Expected Delivery Date and	\boxtimes 30 days from the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO)		
Time (<i>if delivery time exceeds this</i> ,			
quote may be rejected by UNDP)			
Delivery Schedule	⊠ Required		
Packing Requirements	Not Required		
	AIR XLAND		
Mode of Transport	\Box SEA \Box OTHER [pls. specify]		
Currency of Quotation ¹	⊠United States Dollars		
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation ²	Must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes		
After-sales services	⊠ Warranty on items for a period of 2 years after delivery.		
Deadline for the Submission of	Saturday, March 28, 2015, 17:00 hours (+03:00 GMT)		
Quotation			
All documentations, including	⊠ English		
catalogs, instructions and operating			
manuals, shall be in this language			
Documents to be submitted ³	\boxtimes Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1;		
	☑ Duly Accomplished Form with the company background information as provided in Annex 3;		
	Company Profile (brief description/background of the company)		
	⊠ Manufacturer's warranty document. Confirming that items are Original parts.		
	⊠ Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List; Available at: <u>http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/pdf/1267_guidelines.pdf</u>		
	⊠ Others: 2 Year Warranty.		
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Date	☑ 60 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Vendor to extend the validity of the Quotation beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFQ. The Offeror shall confirm such extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever to the Quotation.		

¹ Local vendors must comply with any applicable laws regarding doing business in other currencies. Conversion of currency into the UNDP preferred currency, if the offer is quoted differently from what is required, shall be based only on UN Operational Exchange Rate prevailing at the time of UNDP's issuance of Purchase Order. ² This must be reconciled with the INCO Terms required by the RFQ. Furthermore, VAT exemption status varies from one

country to another. Pls. tick whatever is applicable to the UNDP CO/BU requiring the goods. ³ First 2 items in this list are mandatory for the supply of imported goods

Partial Quotes	⊠ Not permitted
Payment Terms	\boxtimes 100% upon complete delivery of goods
Liquidated Damages	\boxtimes 2 % of contract amount for every 10 days of delay, up to a maximum duration of 30 days. Thereafter, the contract may be terminated.
Evaluation Criteria [check as many as applicable]	 Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to specifications and requirements, and lowest price Comprehensiveness of after-sales services Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions
	(GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.
UNDP will award to:	⊠ One supplier
Type of Contract to be Signed	⊠ Purchase Order
Special conditions of Contract	Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by 30 days
Conditions for Release of Payment	☑ Written Acceptance of Goods based on full compliance with RFQ requirements
Annexes to this RFQ ⁴	 Technical Specifications of the items (Annex 1) Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) Offer to Comply with Other Conditions and Related Requirements Form (Table 1) Company Background Information Form (Annex 3) General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 4).
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only) ⁵	Ali Salam Procurement Analyst ali.salam@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.

⁴ Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

⁵ This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.

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/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/protestandsanctions/

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: http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Sincerely yours Dala

Dolofes/Maitim Head of Procurement Unit March 18, 2015

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Technical Specifications: Supply and Delivery of Ballistic Vest, Helmet and Hard Armor Upgrade Panels/ UNDP Iraq - Basra office

No	ltem	Specification	Quantity	
		The helmet is to be of minimum equivalent to NIJ 0106.01 standards defeating level IIIA rounds and velocities and full compliance should be indicated on a label on the inside of the helmet		
1		The helmet is to provide a four (4) point adjustable suspension system providing even weight distribution and balance.		
		The helmet must include shock-absorbing, fabric covered foam padding providing moisture wicking, added comfort and fit similar to military type upgraded padding system or EVA pads.		
		The helmet is to include a floating mesh crown allowing maximum air circulation with an adjustable head-band		
		The chin strap is to provide a quick release buckle		
	Ballistic Helmet	The helmet is to include a moisture wicking nape pad providing additional comfort and stability		
	Level NIJ III	Leather or webbing chin-straps are required, plastic chin-cups will not be accepted	25	
	Lever Mij III	The colour of the helmet is to be UN Blue with white UN lettering on the front and rear		
		of the helmet (the supplier to verify the exact colour of UN Blue and size of the letters)		
		The helmets shall be supplied in various sizes: medium, large and extra large.		
		Test reports from an accredited ballistic laboratory (NIJ) are mandatory and must be		
		sent together with the proposal. The test reports must document the ballistic integrity		
		and performance of the ballistic materials used in the manufacture of the helmets to		
		all specifications and standards. The test reports must refer unambiguously to the precise products that are proposed.	_	
		All labeling must be only in the English language without any special markings. Labels		
		must clearly indicate the manufacturer's details as well as the international standard		
		of compliance. Included on the label is to be the wording "Property of UNDP". All		
		labels are to fixed to the inside of the helmet only.		
		The helmet shall have a warranty of at least 2 years given normal wear and tear.		
		and load bearing capability with side Velcro closure and padded and adjustable		
		shoulder straps		
		The outer cover of the vest shall be constructed of 65/35 Poly-cotton, textured Nylon		
	Ballistic Vests Pullover Type	6.6, material in high abrasive resistant Cordura material. No other material will be accepted.		
		The vest, including the soft removable inner ballistic panels, (excluding the outer		
		ballistic hard armour upgrade ballistic panels) is to be of minimum equivalent to NIJ		
		0101.04 Level IIIA Standard, providing ballistic protection to the front back and sides.		
2		Maximum weight of the vest shall be 4.0kg (excluding the hard armour upgrade ballistic plates)	25	
	Level NIJ IIIA	The vest is to be fitted with front and rear pouches for insertion of the up-armour		
		ballistic plates;		
		Front and Rear Pouches for ballistic panels:		
		Medium, Large and Extra Large vests: 25cm x 30cm		
		Small vests: 20cm x 25cm. Ballistic panel powers to have a closure flap secured by Veleza		
		Ballistic panel pouches to have a closure flap secured by Velcro. No additional pouches or straps for equipment or any other purposes will be required		
		and must not be included		
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NO ALTERNATIVE SPECIFICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED. SUPPLIERS MUST SUBMIT EXACT SPECIFICATIONS PER THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.

Below the breakdown with sizes and number of units:

Item No.	Description	Qty
Line Item N	No One: Ballistic Helmet	•
1.1	Ballistic Helmet / Level NIJ III - Size: Large	10 Each
1.2	Ballistic Helmet / Level NIJ III - Size: Medium	5 Each
1.3	Ballistic Helmet /Level NIJ III - Size: X-Large	10 Each
TOTAL QT	TY	25 Unit
Line Item N	No Two: Ballistic Vest (Body Armour)	•
2.1	Ballistic Vest (Body Armour) / Level NIJ IIIA - Size: Small	None
2.2	Ballistic Vest (Body Armour) /Level NIJ IIIA - Size: Medium	None
2.3	Ballistic Vest (Body Armour) /Level NIJ IIIA - Size: Large	10 Each
2.4	Ballistic Vest (Body Armour) /Level NIJ IIIA - Size: X-Large	15 Each
TOTAL Q	Y	25 Unit
Line Item N	to Three: Ballistic Vest (Body Armour)	
3.1	Ballistic Hard Amor Plates Front and Rear Set NIJ Level III (AD3 Type) - Size: 25 x 30 cm	25 Each
3.2	Ballistic Hard Amor Plates Front and Rear Set NIJ Level III (AD3 Type) - Size: 20 x 25 cm	None
TOTAL QT	ΓY	25 Unit

Offers should submit a complete list of the offerror specifications.

Ali Salam AS Procurem In Analyst March 18, 2015

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION⁶ (This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁷)

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. IRQ10-013/15:

	Description Unit of Measure Unit Price* Quantity Total Amount VAT rate/ Amount ** Total A with							
	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) = (3) x (4) (6)							
1	1 Ballistic Helmet Level NIJ III Each USD 25 USD USD USD							
2 Ballistic Vests Pullover Type Level NIJ IIIA Each USD 25 USD USD USD						USD		
3	Hard Armor Upgrade Panels (NIJ Level III) Type AD3 for insertion into Ballistic VestsSet of 2USD25USDUSDUSD						USD	
Add : Cost of Transportation USD								
Add : Cost of Insurance USD								
Add : Other Charges (pls. specify) USD								
Total quotation amount (in figures) ⁸ : USD								
Total quotation amount (in words):								
Delivery schedule: days from the date of receipt of signed Purchase Order								
Wai	Warranty: from the date of delivery							

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* Unit price shall be on DAP, UNDP Iraq, Basra, Iraq (Incoterms 2010) terms of delivery. **VAT 0% (Value added tax) shall be indicated if VAT is not charged.

Note: In case of discrepancy between unit price and total price the unit price shall prevail.

⁶ This serves as a guide to the Supplier in preparing the quotation and price schedule.

⁷ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax number – for verification purposes

⁸ Pricing of goods should be consistent with the INCO Terms indicated in the RFQ

Oth	Other Information partaining to our Quotation		Your Responses (Offer)*:		
	Other Information pertaining to our Quotation are as follows :			No, we cannot comply	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal
1	Delivery Lead Time	Within 30 days after award of purchase order.			
2	DAP UNDP Iraq, Delivery Location Basra office, Basra, Iraq				
3	Warranty: 2 Year warranty.				
4	Validity of Quotation60 days from the quotation submission				
5	Country of origin ⁹ of				
6	Acceptance of all Pro General Terms and Co (http://undp.by/en/und				

TABLE 1 : Offer to Comply with Other Conditions and Related Requirements

We confirm that our company is not included in the UN 1267/1989 List or the UN Ineligibility List, or in any and all of UNDP's list of suspended and removed vendors

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

Name of Bidder:

Authorized signature:	
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Name of authorized signatory: _____

Functional Title:

Date:

⁹ 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.

Annex 3 Reference: IRQ10-RFQ 013/15

COMPANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Each legal entity submitting quotation shall complete the Form:

1	Name of Legal Entity (Offeror):		
2	Nature of Business:		
3	Legal Address:		
4	Telephone Number:		
5	E-mail Address:		
6	Country of Registration: Year of Registration:		
7	Registration Certificate issued by (name of institution):		
8	Name and Position of the Head of Company/Organization:		
9	Company's Contact Details (name, title, email and t	elephone number):	

Signature

[in the capacity of]

Duly authorized to sign the Company Background Information for and on behalf of _____

[Company Name]

Company seal

Annex 4 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:

18.1The 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.

18.2UNDP 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. 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.