

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

To: Companies	DATE: July 14, 2015
	REFERENCE: RFQ/050/15 - Supply of cylinders, pumps and welding equipment for refrigeration and air conditioning

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for supply of cylinders, pumps and welding equipment for refrigeration and air conditioning, as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ. <u>When preparing your quotation, please</u> <u>be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2.</u>

Quotations may be submitted on or before 18.00 Tashkent time (GMT +5) July 28, 2015 and via *e-mail or courier mail* to the address below:

United Nations Development Programme 41/3, Mirabad Street, Tashkent city, 100015, Republic of Uzbekistan UNDP CO, Procurement Unit E-version of your quotation must be sent to <u>bids.uz@undp.org</u>

Your quotation must be submitted to the above-mentioned address in sealed envelope with the following marking on envelope:

"<u>TO:</u> UNDP Uzbekistan

ATTENTION: PROCUREMENT UNIT <u>SEALED QUOTATION ref</u>: RFQ/050/15 – Supply of cylinders, pump and welding equipment <u>PROPOSER:</u> [NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR COMPANY]"

Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 5 MB, virus-free and no more than 2 email transmissions. They must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected. The following must be on the subject of email with your quotation to be sent to <u>bids.uz@undp.org</u>:

Subject: "RFQ/050/15 – Supply of cylinders, pumps and welding equipment"

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 [INCOTERMS 2010]	⊠ CIP
Customs clearance, if needed, shall be done by:	⊠ UNDP
Exact Address/es of Delivery Location/s	41/3 Mirabad Street, Tashkent Uzbekistan, 100015
UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if any	N/A

Distribution of chinning	For International suppliars the same shall some to the name of UNDD CO				
Distribution of shipping documents <i>(if using freight</i>	For International suppliers the cargo shall come to the name of UNDP CO Uzbekistan.				
forwarder)	All goods must be exported to the end user with complete documents				
Jorwardery	related to CIP Terms (invoice (2 originals), Packing list (2 originals), Airway				
	Bill, Insurance Policies and other quality confirmation documents required				
	under CIP (Incoterms 2010)				
Latest Expected Delivery	\boxtimes As soon as possible but not more than 80 calendar days from the				
Date and Time	issuance of the Purchase Order (PO).				
	If delivery time exceeds this, quote may be rejected by UNDP.				
Delivery Schedule	Not Required				
Packing Requirements	As per standard				
Mode of Transport	\square AIR \square LAND				
	$\Box SEA \qquad \Box OTHER [pls. specify]$				
Preferred	United States Dollars				
Currency of Quotation					
Value Added Tax on Price	□ Local Currency: Uzbek Soums (UZS)				
Quotation	Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes				
After-sales services required	☑ Warranty on Parts and Labor for minimum period of 12 months				
	⊠ Technical Support				
	\boxtimes Provision of Service Unit when pulled out for maintenance/ repair				
Deadline for the Submission	July 28, 2015, 18.00 local (Tashkent) time				
of Quotation					
All documentations, including	🖾 English				
catalogs, instructions and	🖾 Russian				
operating manuals, shall be					
in this language Documents to be submitted ¹	Duly Accompliched Form as provided in Appen 2, and in accordance with				
Documents to be submitted	☑ Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1				
	the list of requirements in Annex 1. \square				
	A statement whether any import or export licenses are required in respect of the goods to be purchased including any restrictions on the country of origin, use/dual use nature of goods or services, including and disposition to end users.				
	☑ Quality Certificates such as ISO or equivalent international recognized certificate for all items; ☑ Conv. of Latest Duringes Incorporation Contificate of the Ofference				
	Copy of Latest Business Incorporation Certificate of the Offeror's company. Copy of notarized power of attorney issued by the Offeror in				
	favor of person authorized to sign bid and other documents in the frame of the tender and act on behalf of the Offeror's company.				
	Manufacturer's Authorization of the Company as a Sales Agent (if Supplier is not the manufacturer).				
	Complete documentation, information and declaration of any goods classified or may be classified as "Dangerous Goods".				
	☑ Full details are requested to be provided, including technical and performance characteristics and exact model and country of origin of the equipment/consumables proposed.				
	All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last five (5) years, in which the bidder is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded.				
☑ Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Cour					

¹ Non provision of any of required document leads to disqualification of Offeror from the tender

	1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List. ⊠ Others: For evaluation purposes a User Guide and instruction/manual can be submitted in English, but Russian version must be provided in case of a contract award/upon delivery.
	Failure to provide any of above listed document will serve as a ground for disqualifying an offeror from the tender.
Period of Validity of Quotes	🖾 60 days
starting the Submission Date	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 Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Quotation.
Partial Quotes	Not allowed within lots
Alternate Quotes	⊠ Not allowed
Payment Terms	To Local Supplier (Company registered in Uzbekistan):
	in USD: <u>15% advance payment</u> and <u>85% final payment</u> will be by bank transfer to the Supplier's account after delivery and acceptance of goods; or in Uzbek Soums: 15% advance payment and 85% final payment after delivery and acceptance of goods.
	To Foreign Suppliers (Company with registration outside of Uzbekistan): ⊠ in USD: <u>100% payment</u> will be by bank transfer to the Supplier's account after delivery and acceptance of goods if contract.
Liquidated Damages	 Will be imposed under the following conditions: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.5% Max. no. of days of delay: 15 days
	Next course of action: penalties and termination contract
Evaluation Criteria	⊠ Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price ²
	Comprehensiveness of after-sales services
	☑ Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions
	Earliest Delivery / Shortest Lead Time ³
UNDP will award to:	⊠One or Two Bidders based on Lots
Type of Contract to be Signed	⊠ Purchase Order
Special conditions of Contract	\boxtimes Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by 15 days form the latest delivery date to be fixed in the contract.
Conditions for Release of Payment	 Passing Inspection: physical check of the goods against specification requirements fixed in the Purchase Order to be signed by both parties. Written Acceptance of Goods by both parties based on full compliance with RFQ requirements/signed PO
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 3). Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.

² UNDP reserves the right not to award the contract to the lowest priced offer, if the second lowest price among the responsive offer is found to be significantly more superior, the price is higher than the lowest priced compliant offer by not more than 10%, and the budget can sufficiently cover the price difference. The term "more superior" as used in this provision shall refer to offers that have exceeded the pre-determined requirements established in the specifications.

³ This shall be used for time-critical and/or exigent requirements (e.g., post-crisis emergencies, elections, etc.).

Contact Person for Inquiries	UNDP CO Uzbekistan, Procurement Unit		
(Written inquiries only)	41/3, Mirabad Street, Tashkent city 100015, Uzbekistan		
	Fax: (+998 71) 1203450		
	Email: <u>pu.uz@undp.org</u>		
	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 3.

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://web.ng.undp.org/procurement/undp-supplier-code-of-conduct.pdf.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Sincerely yours, Procurement Unit

Technical Specifications

#	Item/s to be supplied	Quan tity	Description/Specification of goods ⁴	Latest delivery date
			Lot 1	
1	Cylinders for refrigerant	252 pcs	 DESCRIPTION Capacity - 30 pounds (12 kg); ISO certificate for gas cylinders or internationally recognized equivalent; Y - shaped valve, 2 shut-off valves in different colors, marked the inscription "Vapor" and "liquid" respectively; Connection thread 1/4 "(7/16" SAE); Overfill protection of cylinders INSTRUCTION/MANUAL/BRIEF In Russian language 	Not more than 80 calendar days from the date of signature of Purchase Order by both parties
			 at least 12 months after delivery 	
	1		Lot 2	
1	Vacuum pump	61 pcs	DESIGNATIONFor vacuuming and drying cylinders charged with recycled refrigerantDESCRIPTION-Two-step;-Speed of venting 4 CFM (4 cubic pounds per minute);-Vacuuming level: 50 Mic., 0,066 mBar .;-Capacity 1/3 h.p.;-Power supply: AC 220-230 volt, 50Hz;-Mono vacuum meters with ball valves;-With standard connections 1/4 ";-Gas ballast valve;-Thermal overload protection;-Oil level indicator peephole with a defused access for cleaning;-Simple oil replace/charge procedure;HOUSING3 litres of oil for each vacuum pumpTERMS OF USEOperating temperature up to + 45°CINSTRUCTION/MANUALIn Russian languageWARRANTYat least 12 months after delivery	Not more than 80 calendar days from the date of signature of Purchase Order by both parties
			Lot 3	
1	Oxy-propane/butane welding equipment	10 sets	DESIGNATION For brazing copper-phosphorous and silver solders steel, non-ferrous metals DESCRIPTION - Durable body with carrying handle/portable (on trolley); - Small burner with hoses length of at least 5 m.; - Additional nozzle to burner – 4 pcs.; - Oxygen regulator with pressure gauges; - Propane-butane regulator; - Oxygen cylinder 400 L (reusable); - Cylinder of propane-butane 0.5-1.0 l (reusable); TERMS OF USE - Operating temperature up to + 45°C INSTRUCTION/MANUAL	Not more than 80 calendar days from the date of signature of Purchase Order by both parties

⁴ Bids shall be assessed on lot basis and contract shall be awarded on lot basis.

			- In Russian language	
			WARRANTY:	
			 at least 12 months after supply 	
2	Mini gas welding	31	DESIGNATION:	Not more than
	equipment	pcs	For brazing copper pipes with copper-phosphorous and silver solder	80 calendar
			DESCRIPTION OF SET:	days from the
			 Case, durable body, portable with carrying handle; 	date of
			 Cylinder with 300-500 ml. capacity; 	signature of
			 Trigger start for instantaneous flame; 	Purchase Order
			 Removable brass tip for easy cleaning 	by both parties
			– Tips;	
			- Connection device for propane cylinders and hand torch cylinders	
			MAP Pro;	
			 Flame temperature 1373°C., propane 1982°C MAP PRO; 	
			 Trigger lock safety (to avoid accidents); 	
			 Continuous flame trigger lock; 	
			 Adjustable flame control placed in the handle output; 	
			INSTRUCTION/MANUAL	
			- In Russian language	
			WARRANTY:	
			- at least 12 months after delivery	

[Enter name of authorized staff] [Designation] [Click here to enter a date]

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION⁵

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁶)

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. RFQ/050/15:

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

lte	Description/Specification of Goods	Quantity	Latest	Unit Price	Total Price		
m			Delivery		per Item		
No.			Date				
Lot 1							
1	Cylinders for refrigerant	252 pcs					
	(Specifications according to Annex 1)						
	Add : Cost of Transportation						
	Add : Cost of Insurance						
	Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)						
	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation for Lot	1					
	La	ot 2					
1	Vacuum pump	61 pcs					
	(Specifications according to Annex 1)						
	Add : Cost of Transportation						
	Add : Cost of Insurance						
	Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)						
	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation for Lot	2					
	La	ot 3					
1	Oxy-propane-butane welding equipment	10 sets					
	(Specifications according to Annex 1)						
2	Mini gas welding equipment	31 pcs					
	(Specifications according to Annex 1)						
	Total Prices of Goods for Lot 3						
	Add : Cost of Transportation						
	Add : Cost of Insurance						
	Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)						
	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation for Lot 3						

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

	Your Responses			
Other Information pertaining to our Quotation are as follows :	Yes, we will comply	No, we cannot comply	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal	
Delivery Lead Time				
Estimated weight/volume/dimension of the Consignment:				
Country/ies Of Origin ⁷ :				
Warranty and After-Sales Requirements				
 a) Minimum one (1) year warranty on both parts and labor 				
 b) Service Unit to be Provided when the Purchased Unit is Under Repair. 				

⁵ This is obligatory form to be filled in by the offeror.

⁶ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

⁷ 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.

c)	Brand new replacement if Purchased Unit is beyond repair		
d)	Others		
Validity	of Quotation		
All Prov	visions of the UNDP General Terms and		
Conditi	ons		
Other r	equirements [pls. specify]		

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

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

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 <u>Force Majeure</u>), 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 Contractor.

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.