



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)
(Goods and Non-consultant services)

UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS Key Plaza, Abide-i Hürriyet Cd. İstiklal Sk. No/11 Şişli, 34381, Istanbul, Turkey Tel: +90 850 288 2402	DATE: February 4, 2016
	REFERENCE No. RFQ: 2016-04-RFQ - Provision of Communication equipment

Dear Sir / Madam:

1. We kindly request you to submit your quotation for **Provision of Communication Equipment**, as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ. When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2.
2. Quotations must be received by UNDP on or before February 12, 2016 and via (*choose appropriate box*) ☒ e-mail, address below:

United Nations Development Programme
Key Plaza, Abide-i Hürriyet Cd. İstiklal Sk. No/11 Şişli, 34381, Istanbul, Turkey
Ms. Tugce Akpek
procurement.irh@undp.org

3. Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 10 MB, virus-free and no more than one email transmission. They must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.
4. 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.
5. Ensure compliance with the following requirements and conditions pertaining to the supply of the abovementioned goods or non-consultant services:

5.1	Delivery Terms [INCOTERMS 2010] (<i>Link this to price schedule</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> FCA <input type="checkbox"/> CPT <input type="checkbox"/> CIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAP <input type="checkbox"/> DDP <input type="checkbox"/> Other Click here to enter text.
5.2	Customs clearance, if needed, shall be done by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDP <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier <input type="checkbox"/> Freight Forwarder

5.3	Exact Address/es of Delivery Location/s (identify all, if multiple)	UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS Key Plaza, 10 th floor, Abide-i Hürriyet Cd. İstiklal Sk. No/11 Şişli, 34381, Istanbul, Turkey The Supplier will use the path instructed by the building management for the delivery of the materials. Access to the site: The big trucks and T.I.R. are not allowed to access the Key Plaza Car Parking area, loading and unloading should be done with smaller vehicles as the Height of the car park entrance is 3.00 m max for big vehicles which are not loaded.	
5.4	UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if any	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
5.5	Distribution of shipping documents (if using freight forwarder)	UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS Key Plaza, Abide-i Hürriyet Cd. İstiklal Sk. No/11 Şişli, 34381, Istanbul, Turkey	
5.6	Latest Expected Delivery Date and Time (if delivery time exceeds this, quote may be rejected by UNDP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within latest 2 (two) weeks from the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO) <input type="checkbox"/> As per Delivery Schedule attached [if delivery will be staggered]	
5.7	Delivery Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	
5.8	Packing Requirements	Delivery worthy packaging sufficient for unharmed delivering of IT materials	
5.9	Mode of Transport	<input type="checkbox"/> AIR <input type="checkbox"/> SEA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAND <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
5.10	Preferred Currency of Quotation ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input type="checkbox"/> Local Currency: TRY (New Turkish Lira)	
5.11	Value Added Tax on Price Quotation	<input type="checkbox"/> Must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes	
5.12	After-sales services required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warranty for minimum period of 1 (one) year. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provision of Service Unit when pulled out for maintenance/ repair <input type="checkbox"/> Others Click here to enter text.	
5.13	Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	COB, Friday, February 12, 2016 and (UTC+02:00) Istanbul	
5.14	All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others: Turkish	

¹ Payments shall be effected to vendors based out of the Republic of Turkey in Turkish Liras (TRY) based on the UN Rate of Exchange applicable at the date of invoice. <https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php>

5.15	Documents to be submitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1; <input type="checkbox"/> 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; <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation that licenses of this nature have been obtained in the past and an expectation of obtaining all the necessary licenses should the quotation be selected; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Certificates (ISO, etc.); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Latest Business Registration Certificate; <input type="checkbox"/> Latest Internal Revenue Certificate / Tax Clearance; <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer's Authorization of the Company as a Sales Agent (if Supplier is not the manufacturer); <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Exclusive Distributorship in the country (if applicable, and if Supplier is not the manufacturer); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evidence/Certification of Environmental Sustainability ("Green" Standards) of the Company or the Product being supplied, as applicable; <input type="checkbox"/> Complete documentation, information and declaration of any goods classified or may be classified as "Dangerous Goods". <input type="checkbox"/> Patent Registration Certificates (if any of technologies submitted in the quotation is patented by the Supplier); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List; <input type="checkbox"/> Others Click here to enter text.
5.16	Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> 120 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 Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Quotation.
5.17	Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted [<i>Provide conditions for partial quotes, and ensure that requirements are properly listed to allow partial quotes (e.g., in lots, etc.)</i>]
5.18	Payment Terms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% upon complete delivery of goods <input type="checkbox"/> Others
5.19	Liquidated Damages	N/A
5.20	Evaluation Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Earliest Delivery / Shortest Lead Time

		<input type="checkbox"/> Others Click here to enter text.
5.21	UNDP will award to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one supplier <input type="checkbox"/> One or more Supplier, depending on the following factors.
5.22	Type of Contract to be Signed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Other Type/s of Contract
5.23	Special conditions of Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by 20 (twenty) days. <input type="checkbox"/> Others
5.24	Conditions for Release of Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Installation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passing Inspection upon delivery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passing all Testing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completion of Training on Operation and Maintenance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Acceptance of Goods based on full compliance with this RFQ requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others Correct and full delivery of IT Materials to address(es) indicated.
5.25	Annexes to this RFQ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specifications of the Goods Required (Annex 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3). <input type="checkbox"/> Others Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.
5.26	Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only)	<p><i>Tugce Akpek</i> <i>Procurement Assistant</i> <i>procurement.irh@undp.org</i></p> <p>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.</p>

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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 fifteen five per cent (15%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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/>
14. 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.
15. 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,

Andrey Pogrebnyak
Operations Manager

Quantity, Technical Specifications and Delivery Date

UNDP is looking for delivery, installation and configuration of the below mentioned equipment in 8 (eight) conference rooms. Vendor must complete full installation and configuration of all equipment. The Vendor must also guarantee compatibility of offered equipment with equipment, which is already installed in conference rooms **(it is the offerors responsibility to visit the site and determine compatibility with the equipment, if the site is not visited it shall be at the offerors own responsibility to ensure compatibility)**, such as ceiling microphones, ceiling speakers, control panel, TV (display panels) and projector screen.

Delivered equipment must be installed and configured to meet these minimum requirements:

- Displaying content from different HDMI or VGA sources to the display panel (TV)
- Switching between sources from Crestron control panel
- Switching of audio output and input together with video source. – when a source is selected, system must be able to route audio output from the source device to ceiling speakers and bring signal from ceiling microphones to the source device.
- Full audio/video connection to Polycom videoconference as one of the sources (other source devices may be computers (HDMI/VGA), Apple TV and similar.
- Controlling master volume from the control panel.
- Controlling display panel from the control panel (turn on / turn off)
- Any cabling must be placed inside double wall behind the display panel (no cables should be visible)
- System must be configured for echo canceling.

Items to be Supplied	Quantity	Description / Specifications of Goods or Services	Latest Delivery Date
HDMI Switcher	1	4 HDMI input	2 weeks
		8 HDMI output	
		Min. 1080p	
		RS232 control input	
		RJ45 control input	
		Compatible with 19" rack mount	
Amplifier	3	Min. 50Watt stereo sound output	2 weeks
		Min. 100dB	
		Compatible with control panel (Crestron MPC-M10)	
VGA + Audio to HDMI Converter	3	L/R audio to HDMI	2 weeks
		VGA to HDMI	
Scaling Presentation Switcher	7	2 VGA Input	2 weeks
		4 HDMI Input	
		2 HDMI Output	
		RJ45 control input	
		Compatible with 19" rack mount	
Touch LED Screen	3	Min. 1080p	2 weeks
		15-17" screen size	
		10 points touch	

		Min 3000:1 contrast ratio	
		178/178 viewing angle	
		HDMI input	
Tablet	2	16GB memory	2 weeks
		10" screen size	
		Compatible with automation software	
		Necessary app and license	
HDMI, VGA Connection Socket	15	HDMI socket with table mount	2 weeks
		VGA socket with table mount	
Audio, Microphone Socket	10	Audio socket for speakers with table mount	2 weeks
		Microphone socket with table mount	
Blank Panel	15	2U size	2 weeks
HDMI Cable (1m)	10	Flexible and durable	2 weeks
HDMI Cable (3m)	10	Flexible and durable	2 weeks
HDMI Cable (5m)	10	Flexible and durable	2 weeks
VGA Cable (5m)	10	Flexible and durable	2 weeks
Programming	1	Programming for ceiling speakers and microphones to work with Polycom VC device and laptop	2 weeks
Montage	1	At the conference rooms indicated	2 weeks
User Guide	1	On how the installed system is started up and connected, etc. on a single laminated leaflet with English language on one and Turkish language explanations on the other side on how the system is operated.	2 weeks
Training for IT Staff	1	Comprehensive training on how the system functions and programmed for full system management.	2 weeks

Attach delivery schedule, if relevant, and cluster by lot, if partial bids will be allowed.
Specify delivery locations if goods multiple destinations.

[Enter name of authorized staff]

[Designation]

[Date]

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION²

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery³)

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 this RFQ

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

Item No.	Description/Specification of Goods	Brand Model offered	Quantity	Latest Delivery Date	Unit Price	Total Price per Item
1	HDMI Switcher	EXTRON DXP 84 HD 4K	1			
2	Amplifier	POLMER MPA250/01	3			
3	VGA + Audio to HDMI Converter		3			
4	Scaling Presentation Switcher	EXTRON IN1606	7			
5	Touch LED Screen		3			
6	Tablet	APPLE IPAD4	2			
7	HDMI, VGA Connection Socket		15			
8	Audio, Microphone Socket		10			
9	Blank Panel		15			
10	HDMI Cable (1m)		10			
11	HDMI Cable (3m)		10			
12	HDMI Cable (5m)		10			
13	VGA Cable (5m)		10			
14	Any other equipment					
15	Programming		1			
16	Montage		1			
17	User Guide		1			
18	Training for IT Professionals		1			
Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation						

² This serves as a guide to the Supplier in preparing the quotation and price schedule.

³ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

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

Other Information pertaining to our Quotation are as follows :	Your Responses		
	<i>Yes, we will comply</i>	<i>No, we cannot comply</i>	<i>If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal</i>
Compliance with all technical specifications			
Delivery Lead Time			
Minimum one (1) year warranty on both parts and labor			
Validity of Quotation			
All Provisions of the UNDP General Terms and Conditions			
Other requirements <i>[pls. specify]</i>			

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

The Supplier's may only accept this Purchase Order 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 trademark. 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.