

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

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Supply and installation of RO system in Baiji General Hospital REFERENCE: RFQ-324/20

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for Supply and installation of RO system in Baiji General Hospital detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ.

Documents uploaded in the system as part of your quotation 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 is submitted on or before the deadline indicated by UNDP in the e-Tendering system. Quotation must be submitted in the online e-Tendering system in the following link: https://etendering.partneragencies.org using your username and password.

Those companies who are not registered in the e-tendering portal are requested to use the following temporary username and password for registration:

Username: event.guest Password: why2change

Please take note of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to the supply of the abovementioned good/s:

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Delivery Terms	Place:	
[INCOTERMS 2010]	DDP (Delivery duty paid)	
(Pls. link this to price schedule)		
Customs clearance ¹ , if needed,	UNDP	
shall be done by:	⊠Supplier/Offeror	
	☐Freight Forwarder	
Delivery Address	Baiji General Hospital-Salah Al Deen governorate- Iraq	
UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if any ²	N/A	
Distribution of shipping documents (if using freight forwarder)	N/A	
Latest Expected Delivery Date and Time (if delivery time exceeds this, quote may be rejected by UNDP)	Per individual request	
Delivery Schedule	□Required	
Packing Requirements	□Required	
	□ AIR □LAND	
Mode of Transport (N/A)	□SEA □OTHER [pls. specify]	
Currency of Quotation ³	⊠US Dollars	
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation ⁴	☑ Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes	
After-sales services required	☑ Warranty on items for a period of 12 Months after purchasing	
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	Saturday, October 10, 2020, 7:00 AM EDT	
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	☑ English	
Documents to be submitted ⁵	☑ 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) ☑ Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other 	

¹ Must be linked to INCO Terms chosen.

²Depends on INCO Terms. The suggestion to use a UNDP preferred courier is only for purposes of familiarity with procedures and documentary requirements applicable to the UNDP when clearing with customs.

³ 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.

⁴ 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. ⁵ First 2 items in this list are mandatory for the supply of imported goods

	UN Ineligibility List;
	Available at: http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/pdf/1267_guidelines.pdf
	☑ Valid Registration document
	☑ Others: 1 Year Warranty
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Date	☑ 150 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 Quotation shall then conform to the extension, in writing, without any modification whatsoever.
Partial Quotes	✓ Not Permitted
Payment Terms ⁶	☑ 100% upon delivery full quantity of purchase order on monthly basis , the payment will be proceed within 30 days as per UNDP rules and regulations and upon provision of original invoice
	☑ Inspection upon delivery
Site visit will be held on:	N/A
Liquidated Damages	If the supplier fails to supply the specified goods within the time(s) stipulated by the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to 0.5 percent of the delivered price of the delayed goods for each week of delay until actual delivery, up to a maximum deduction of 10 percent of the delayed goods contract price. Next course of action: termination of contract

⁶ UNDP preference is not to pay advanced amount upon signing of contract. If vendor strictly requires advanced payment, it will be limited only up to 20% of the total price quoted. For any higher percentage, or advanced payment of \$30,000 or higher, UNDP shall require the vendor to submit a bank guarantee or bank checque payable to UNDP, in the same amount as the advanced payment made by UNDP to the vendor.

Evaluation Criteria	Quotations will be evaluated on the following basis:
	 ☑ Compliance with the pricing conditions set in the RFQ ☑ Compliance with terms and conditions of the RFQ including required submissions ☑ Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to specifications and requirements, and lowest price ☑ Full acceptance of General Terms and Conditions ☑ Compliance with the delivery time of one month;
	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 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 ⁷	 ☑ Specifications of the Goods/Services Required (Annex 1) ☑ Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) ☑ Offer to Comply with Other Conditions and Related Requirements Form (Table 1) ☑ Background Information Form (Annex 3) ☑ General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 4) 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 (Written inquiries only) ⁸	Dler Mohamad Procurement Analyst Dler.mohamad@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.

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

8 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.

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

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Yours sincerely,

Piero Emanuele Franceschetti Head of Service Centre UNDP, Iraq

Annex 1
Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications

Item	Brief Description	Unit of measure	Qty
ltem 1	RO_DEIONIZER SYSTEM: Application: Full automatic and continuous water production can meet application requirement in laboratory such as washer / disinfectors, lab, glassware washerProduce water type: grade I. Part I: Reverse Osmosis: _A complete system that produces high purity waterMicroprocessor controller displays product and feed water conductivity, % rejection, product water temperature, operating hours and a variety of operating status messages and alarms _≥ 1000 liter storage tank with sealed lid and pump package _UV sterilizer _Includes a resistivity monitor with alarm _Post submicron filtration 0.2um Part II: Deionizers _Complete units contain: cartridge, Conductivity meter and input and output hose _Resin pack exchange system makes it simple to maintain pure water at a fraction of the cost of similar cartridge style systems _Configuration: mobile floor unit or smaller wall hung style _When the quality light or monitor indicates the resin pack is close to exhaustion _Easy Cartridge replacement _Deionizers can be operated at pressures of up to 10 barsFeed water: tap water _Power requirements: 220 – 240 VAC, 50- 60 HZ, type G plug _Environmental requirements: the equipment suitable for working in the climate conditions of Iraq in terms of temperature and humidity _Parts details: _Centrifugal pump of 3 cubic meter per hour flow rate and 40 meter head. (1 PCS) _ Media filter of 14" diameter 1.6 m height fiber-glass vassal		Qty
	contained 4 layers; from bottom, 25 cm thick (9-6.5 mm) gravel, 25 cm thick (6.5-2.5 mm) gravel, 25 cm thick (1.5-0.6 mm) sand. All prepared by Al Nawafith Factory in Iraq. (1 PCS) _ Activated carbon filter of 14" diameter 1.6 m height fiber-glass vassal contained (100 cm) layer of cylindrical activated carbon over a 25 cm thick (9-6.5 mm) gravel layer. (1 PCS)		

- _ Cellulose (Cartridge) filter of 13" diameter, flow rate up to 15 GPM, filter high 19.5", 10-100 micron particles are filtered out. (1 PCS)
- _ Anti-Scale dosing pump with 20 l plastic container. (1 PCS)
- _ Multi-stages high pressure pump of 3 cubic meter flow rate and 200 meter head. (1 PCS)
- _ 1000 l permeate water membrane 8" diameter. (1 PCS)
- _ 6 GPM UV disinfectant device. (1 PCS)
- _ 1 gram/mol Ozone generator device. (1 PCS)
- _ Single phase control panel including 3 current conductors (10 Amps), 3 CB (10 Amps), 3 push button switch, one voltage gauge and emergency switch (stop). (1 PCS)
- _ pressure gages (Manometer) range of 0- 10 bar. (4 PCS)
- _ pressure gauges (Manometer) range of 0- 40 bar. (2 PCS)
- _ pressure switch 0- 50 bar. (2 PCS)
- _ UPVC pipe connections and fitting of 1" dia. according to the single line diagram, including ball valves. (1 PCS)
- _ 1" dia. gate valves. (2 PCS)
- _ Stainless steel frame and deck according to RO supplier design. (1 PCS)
- _ 0 30 GPM Analogue Flow meter. (2 PCS)
- _ 0 10,000 Digital TDS meter. (1 PCS)
- _ Cartridge for cellulose filter. (50 PCS)
- $_$ 1000 l permeate water membrane 8" diameter without holder. (1 PCS)
- _ Anti-Scale material. (120 liter)
- _ 0 10,000 Digital TDS meter (Manual). (1 PCS)
- _Digital pH meter. (1 PCS)

Annex 2

Price Schedule

RO_DEIONIZER SYSTEM: _Application: Full automatic and continuous water production can meet application requirement in laboratory such as washer / disinfectors, lab, glassware washerProduce water type: grade I.			
Part I: Reverse Osmosis: _A complete system that produces high purity water . _Microprocessor controller displays product and feed water conductivity, % rejection, product water temperature, operating hours and a variety of operating status messages and alarms ≥ 1000 liter storage tank with sealed lid and pump package _UV sterilizer _Includes a resistivity monitor with alarm _Post submicron filtration 0.2um Part II: Deionizers _Complete units contain: cartridge, Conductivity meter and input and output hose _Resin pack exchange system makes it simple to maintain pure water at a fraction of the cost of similar cartridge style systems _Configuration: mobile floor unit or smaller wall hung style _When the quality light or monitor indicates the resin pack is close to exhaustion _Easy Cartridge replacement _Deionizers can be operated at pressures of up to 10 bars. _Feed water: tap water _Power requirements: 220 − 240 VAC, 50-60 HZ, type G plug _Environmental requirements: the equipment suitable for working in the climate conditions of Iraq in terms of temperature and humidity _Parts details: _Centrifugal pump of 3 cubic meter per hour flow rate and 40 meter head. (1 PCS) _Media filter of 14" diameter 1.6 m height fiber-glass vassal contained 4 layers; from bottom, 25 cm thick (9-6.5 mm) gravel, 25 cm thick (1.5-0.6 mm) sand. All prepared by Al Nawafith Factory in Iraq. (1 PCS) _Activated carbon filter of 14" diameter 1.6 m height fiber-glass vassal contained (100 cm) layer of cylindrical activated carbon over a 25 cm thick (9-6.5 mm) gravel layer. (1 PCS)	h	1	

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PCS)	
_ Anti-Scale dosing pump with 20 l plastic container. (1 PCS)	
_ Multi-stages high pressure pump of 3 cubic meter flow rate and	
200 meter head. (1 PCS)	
_ 1000 l permeate water membrane 8" diameter. (1 PCS)	
_ 6 GPM UV disinfectant device. (1 PCS)	
_ 1 gram/mol Ozone generator device. (1 PCS)	
_ Single phase control panel including 3 current conductors (10	
Amps), 3 CB (10 Amps), 3 push button switch, one voltage gauge	
and emergency switch (stop). (1 PCS)	
_ pressure gages (Manometer) range of 0- 10 bar. (4 PCS)	
_ pressure gauges (Manometer) range of 0- 40 bar. (2 PCS)	
_ pressure switch 0- 50 bar. (2 PCS)	
_ UPVC pipe connections and fitting of 1" dia. according to the	
single line diagram, including ball valves. (1 PCS)	
_ 1" dia. gate valves. (2 PCS)	
_ Stainless steel frame and deck according to RO supplier design.	
(1 PCS)	
_ 0 - 30 GPM Analogue Flow meter. (2 PCS)	
_ 0 - 10,000 Digital TDS meter. (1 PCS)	
_ Cartridge for cellulose filter. (50 PCS)	
_ 1000 l permeate water membrane 8" diameter without holder.	
(1 PCS)	
_ Anti-Scale material. (120 liter)	
_ 0 - 10,000 Digital TDS meter (Manual). (1 PCS)	
_Digital pH meter. (1 PCS)	
Grand Total US\$	

Name of Bidder:	
Authorized signature:	
Functional Title:	
Company:	
Date:	

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

Other Information pertaining to our Quotation are as follows:		Your Responses (Offer)*:			
		Yes, we will comply	No, we cannot comply	If you cannot comply, pls indicate reason	
1	Delivery Lead Time	1 month			
2	Delivery Location	Baiji General Hospital- Salah Al Deen governorate- Iraq			
3	Validity of Quotation	150 days from the quotation closing date			
4	Installation of RO system	Immediately after delivery			
5	Terms and Conditions (http://undp.by/en/undp.	sions of the UNDP General dp/tenders/conditions/)			
6	1 -	upon delivery full rder , the payment will be s as per UNDP rules and			
7		nt should have FDA or CE			
8	Minimum required war months.	ranty period is 12			
9	Manufacturer dates of exceed 2 years from the	all equipment should not e date of delivery.			
10		rform all the installation rks in due order and hand uipment for all the			
11	The supplier should prodesignated health facili operate the equipment commissioning period.	ty's staff on how to			
12	Supplier should provide during the period of waresolve any malfunction	arranty as needed and			
13	Availability of consuma maintenance services a	bles, solutions, and spare parts in the local and contact details of local			
14	User manual in English	(Arabic only if available)			
15	A retention amount of ensure the warranty is	10% from total amount to implemented.			

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We confirm that our company is not included in the UN 1267/1989 List or the UN Ineligibility List, or in any 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:	

Annex 3

Reference: IRQ10-RFQ 324/20

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	on):		
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				
Comp	any seal			

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

- 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.