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## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) (Goods)

<b>National Human Right Commission Strategic Plan Support Project (SPSP)</b>	DATE: April 25, 2024
	REFERENCE: SPSP/RFQ/2024/001

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for **“Printing of books of Jannu Parne Kura Report of Human Right”**, as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ. When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2.

Quotations should be submitted by 2 May **2024** to the address below:

**National Human Right Commission Strategic Plan Support Project (SPSP)**

***Harihar Bhawan ,Pulchawk , Lalitpur , Nepal***

***Tel: 01- 5010015, anil.ray@nhrcnepal.org***

Please take note of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to the supply of the abovementioned good/s: *[check the condition that applies to this RFQ, delete the entire row if condition is not applicable to the goods being procured]*

Delivery Terms [INCOTERMS 2010] <i>(Pls. link this to price          schedule)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> FCA <input type="checkbox"/> CPT <input type="checkbox"/> CIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DAP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other N/A
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Customs clearance <sup>1</sup> , if needed, shall be done by:	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> SPSP/UNDP <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier/Offeror <input type="checkbox"/> Freight Forwarder	
Exact Address/es of Delivery Location/s (identify all, if multiple)	<b>National Human Right Commission Strategic Plan Support Project (SPSP)</b> <b>Harihar Bhawan ,Pulchauk , Lalitpur , Nepal</b> <b>Tel: 01- 5010015</b>	
SPSP referred Freight Forwarder, if any <sup>2</sup>	Click here to enter text.	
Distribution of shipping documents (if using freight forwarder)	Click here to enter text.	
Latest Expected Delivery Date and Time (if delivery time exceeds this, quote may be rejected by SPSP/UNDP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>10 days from the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> As per Delivery Schedule attached [if delivery will be staggered] Time : [pls. indicate] Time Zone of Reference : [pls. indicate]	
Delivery Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Required</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	
Packing Requirements		
Mode of Transport	<input type="checkbox"/> AIR <input type="checkbox"/> SEA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>LAND</b> <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER [pls. specify]
Preferred Currency of Quotation <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Local Currency : NRS</b>	
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation <sup>4</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes	
After-sales services required	<input type="checkbox"/> Warranty on Parts and Labor for minimum period of Click to type <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Support <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of Service Unit when pulled out for maintenance/ repair <input type="checkbox"/> Others [pls. specify]	
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	<b>COB, Thursday, May 02, 2024</b>	
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>English</b> <input type="checkbox"/> French	

<sup>1</sup> Must be linked to INCO Terms chosen.

<sup>2</sup> Depends 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

operating manuals, shall be in this language	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify, including dialects, if needed]</i>
Documents to be submitted <sup>5</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1;</b> <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 type="checkbox"/> Quality Certificates (ISO, etc.); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Latest Business Registration Certificate ;</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Latest Internal Revenue Certificate / Tax Clearance;</b> <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 type="checkbox"/> Evidence/Certification of Environmental Sustainability ("Green" Standards) of the Company or the Product being supplied ; <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 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 <i>[pls. specify as many as required]</i>
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Date	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>90 days</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 120 days  <p>In exceptional circumstances, SPSP 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.</p>
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Not permitted</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted <i>[pls. provide conditions for partial quotes, and ensure that requirements are properly listed to allow partial quotes (e.g., in lots, etc.)]</i>
Payment Terms <sup>6</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>100% upon complete delivery of goods</b>

<sup>5</sup> First 2 items in this list are mandatory for the supply of imported goods

<sup>6</sup> 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

	<input type="checkbox"/> Others [pls. specify]
Liquidated Damages	N/A
Evaluation Criteria [check as many as applicable]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price<sup>7</sup></b> Comprehensiveness of after-sales services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions</b> [this is a mandatory criteria and cannot be deleted regardless of the nature of services required] <input type="checkbox"/> Earliest Delivery / Shortest Lead Time <sup>8</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Others [pls. specify]
SPSP will award to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>One and only one supplier</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One or more Supplier, depending on the following factors: [Clarify fully how and why will this be achieved. <u>Please do not choose this option without indicating the parameters for awarding to multiple Suppliers</u> ]
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Purchase Order</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Agreement <sup>9</sup> (if LTA will be signed, specify the document that will trigger the call-off. E.g., PO, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Type/s of Contract [pls. specify]
Special conditions of Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed</b> by [indicate number of days] <input type="checkbox"/> Others [pls. specify]
Conditions for Release of Payment	Passing Inspection [specify method, if possible] Complete Installation <input type="checkbox"/> Passing all Testing [specify standard, if possible] <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of Training on Operation and Maintenance [specify no. of trainees, and location of training, if possible] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Written Acceptance of Goods based on full compliance with RFQ requirements</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Others [pls. specify]

payment of \$30,000 or higher, UNDP shall require the vendor to submit a bank guarantee or bank cheque payable to UNDP, in the same amount as the advanced payment made by UNDP to the vendor.

<sup>7</sup> 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, and 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.

<sup>8</sup> This shall be used for time-critical and/or exigent requirements (e.g., post-crisis emergencies, elections, etc.).

<sup>9</sup> Minimum of one (1) year period and may be extended up to a maximum of three (3) years subject to satisfactory performance evaluation

Annexes to this RFQ <sup>10</sup>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specifications of the Goods Required (Annex 1)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3).</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify, if any]</i></p> <p>Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.</p>
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only) <sup>11</sup>	<p><i>Anil Kumar Ray</i>  <i>Administrative and Finance Associate</i>  <i>Anil.ray@nhrcnepal.org</i></p> <p>Any delay in SPSP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless SPSP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.</p>

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 SPSP 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 SPSP. The unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the supplier does not accept the final price based on SPSP's re-computation and correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected.

After SPSP has identified the lowest price offer, SPSP 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 SPSP'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 SPSP after it has received the quotation. At the time of award of Contract or Purchase Order, SPSP 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 SPSP herein attached as Annex 3.

<sup>10</sup> Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

SPSP 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 SPSP'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:

**SPSP encourages every prospective Vendor to** avoid and prevent conflicts of interest, by disclosing to SPSP 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.

SPSP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against SPSP/UNDP, as well as third parties involved in SPSP activities. SPSP 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](http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf)

**Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.**

Sincerely yours,

**Aarati Bistra**

*Component Manager*

April 24, 2024

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*Aarati Bistra*

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## Annex 1

## Technical Specifications

Items to be Supplied*	Quantity	Description / Specifications of Goods	Latest Delivery Date
<b>Set 1:</b> <b>Printing of book for Publication of Jannu Parne Kura Report of Human Right</b> <b>Pages: 150 plus cover</b>  <b>Nepali Version Book</b>  <b>Size: 14 X 21 CM</b>	5000 copies	<b>Printing</b> of book for Publication of Jannu Parne Kura Report of Human Right  <b>Cover Pages:</b> 250 GSM Art Board (Multicolor printing with matt lamination)  <b>Inside Pages:</b> 70 GSM Wood Free Paper (Black & white printing)  <b>Bending:</b> Perfect Bandings /Glue Binding  <b>Pages:</b> 150 plus Cover  <b>Size</b> :14 X 21 CM  <b>Designing</b> Cost ( 150 Pages )  <b>Printing</b> cost (5000 units )	20-May-2024

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

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 Aarati Bista  
 Project Manager  
 April 24, 2024

## Annex 2

**FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION<sup>12</sup>*****(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery<sup>13</sup>)***

We, the undersigned, hereby accept in full the SPSP General Terms and Conditions, and hereby offer to supply the items listed below in conformity with the specification and requirements of SPSP as per RFQ Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_:

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

Item No.	Description/Specification of Goods	Quantity	Latest Delivery Date	Unit Price	Total Price per Item
Set 1	<b>Printing</b> of book for Publication of Jannu Parne Kura Report of Human Right  <b>Pages: 150 plus cover</b> <b>Cover Pages:</b> 250 GSM Art Board (Multicolor printing with matt lamination) <b>Inside Pages:</b> 70 GSM Wood Free Paper (Black & white ) <b>Bending:</b> Perfect Bandings /Glue Binding <b>Nepali Version Book</b> <b>Size:</b> 14 CM X 21 CM	5,000/- copies			
	Design & Layout cost	150 Pages			
	Sub Total				
	VAT				
	<b>Total Prices of Goods<sup>14</sup></b>				
	Add : Cost of Transportation				
	Add : Cost of Insurance				
	Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)				
	<b>Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation</b>				

<sup>12</sup> This serves as a guide to the Supplier in preparing the quotation and price schedule.

<sup>13</sup> Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

<sup>14</sup> Pricing of goods should be consistent with the INCO Terms indicated in the RFQ



**TABLE 2 : Estimated Operating Costs (if applicable)**

List of Consumable Item/s (Include fast moving parts, if any)	Estimated Average Consumption	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Total Price per Item

**TABLE 3 : 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>
Delivery Lead Time			
Estimated weight/volume/dimension of the Consignment:			
Country/ies Of Origin <sup>15</sup> :			
Warranty and After-Sales Requirements			
a) Training on Operations and Maintenance			
b) Minimum one (1) year warranty on both parts and labor			
c) Service Unit to be Provided when the Purchased Unit is Under Repair			
d) Brand new replacement if Purchased Unit is beyond repair			
e) Others			
Validity of Quotation			
All Provisions of the SPSP 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]*

<sup>15</sup> If the country of origin requires Export License for the goods being procured, or other relevant documents that the country of destination may require, the supplier must submit them to UNDP if awarded the PO/contract.

**Annex 3****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 SPSP unless agreed to in writing by a duly authorized official of SPSP/UNDP.

**2. PAYMENT**

- 2.1 SPSP 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 SPSP/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 SPSP/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 SPSP/UNDP's exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Supplier shall immediately consult with SPSP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.
- 3.2 Accordingly, the Supplier authorizes SPSP to deduct from the Supplier's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Supplier has consulted with SPSP before the payment thereof and SPSP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Supplier to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Supplier shall provide SPSP 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 SPSP/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 SPSP 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 SPSP 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 SPSP and the United Nations harmless from any actions or claims brought against SPSP 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 SPSP/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, SPSP 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 SPSP 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 SPSP/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 SPSP 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 SPSP.

## **11. ASSIGNMENT AND INSOLVENCY**

- 11.1. The Supplier shall not, except after obtaining the written consent of SPSP, 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, SPSP, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, immediately terminate this Purchase Order by giving the Supplier written notice of termination.

**12. USE OF SPSP NOR UNITED NATIONS NAME OR EMBLEM**

The Supplier shall not use the name, emblem or official seal of SPSP 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 SPSP without specific permission of SPSP 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 SPSP 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 SPSP/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 SPSP 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 FPSN/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 SPSP 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 SPSP 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 SPSP 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 SPSP/UNDP, only the SPSP Authorized Official possess the authority to agree on behalf of SPSP 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 SPSP unless provided by an amendment to this Agreement signed by the Contractor and jointly by the SPSP Authorized Official.