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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM:	DATE: 14 February 2019
	REFERENCE: RfQ18/01720

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for Supporting the Public Services Agency in establishing the boundaries of a series of localities in the Republic of Moldova, as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ. When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2.

Quotations may be submitted on or before **<u>28 February 2019</u>**, **<u>16:00</u>** (Moldova local time) via etendering system to the address below:

https://etendering.partneragencies.org Username: event.guest Password: why2change

BU Code: MDA10 and Event ID: 0000003401

Once uploaded, Bidders that have accepted the invitation in the system will be notified via e-mail that changes have occurred. It is responsibility of the Bidder to view the respective changes and clarifications in the system.

Please Consult eTendering Resources for Bidders for additional information on bidding:

http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procure ment-notices/resources/

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.

Please take note of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to the supply of the above mentioned services:

Exact Address of Delivery Location (identify all, if multiple)	As per TOR, Cadastre Department of Public Service Agency
Latest Expected Delivery Date and Time (if delivery time exceeds this, quote may be rejected by UNDP)	⊠ As per Delivery Schedule attached Annex 1
Delivery Schedule	⊠Required □Not Required

Preferred Currency of Quotation ¹	⊠United States Dollars
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation	⊠ Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes
After-sales services required	N/A
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	 28 February 2019, 16:00 (Moldova local time) IMPORTANT NOTE: the time zone indicated in the Tendering system is New York Time zone. PLEASE NOTE: 1. Date and time visible on the main screen of event (on e-tendering portal) will be final and prevail over any other closing time indicated elsewhere, in case they are different. The correct proposal closing time is as indicated in the e-tendering portal and system will not accept any proposal after that time. It is the responsibility of the proposers to make sure proposals are submitted within this deadline. UNDP will not accept any proposal that is not submitted directly in the system. 2. Try to submit your proposal a day prior or well before the closing time. Do not wait until last minute. If you face any issue submitting your proposal at the last minute, UNDP may not be able to assist.
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	\boxtimes English \boxtimes Others: Russian and Romanian
Documents to be submitted ²	 Electronic submission of Proposal https://etendering.partneragencies.org Username: event.guest Password: why2change Please note: It is strongly recommended to create your username with two parts, your first name and last name separately by ".", similar to the one shown above. You can participate in the proposal event only if you have registered in the system. Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1; Company profile (short info up to 1 page); Copy of Company's Registration Certificate; Detailed technical description of the offered goods; Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List;
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Deadline Date	 □ 60 days □ 90 days □ 120 days
Partial Quotes	□ Not permitted

¹ Local vendors must comply with any applicable laws regarding doing business in other currencies. Conversion of currency into the UNDP preferred currency, if the offer is quoted differently from what is required, shall be based only on UN Operational Exchange Rate prevailing at the time of UNDP's issuance of Purchase Order. ² First 2 items in this list are mandatory for the supply of imported goods

	⊠ Permitted by LOT
	⊠ 100% upon complete delivery of goods
Payment Terms	□ Others: <specify></specify>
Liquidated Damages	0.1% of contract for every day of delay, up to a maximum duration of 1 calendar month. Thereafter, the contract may be terminated.
Evaluation Criteria	 Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price³; Minimum 2 (two) year experience in the field;
	 Availability of certificates, licenses for provision of requested service; Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions Delivery period does not exceed the dates indicated in Annex 1
UNDP will award to:	☑ One and only one supplier per each LOT
Type of Contract to be Signed	⊠ Purchase Order
Special conditions of Contract	 Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by 30 days Others: <specify></specify>
Conditions for Release of Payment	⊠ Written Acceptance of Goods based on full compliance with RFQ requirements
	Specifications of the Goods Required (Annex 1)
	☑ Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2)
Annexes to this RFQ⁴	General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3).
	Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.
	Eva Bounegru – Project Manager, EDMITE Project eva.bounegru@undp.org
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only)⁵	Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.

Goods offered shall be reviewed based on completeness and compliance of the quotation with the minimum specifications described above and any other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The quotation that complies with all of the specifications, requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated, shall be selected. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price (obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity) shall be re-computed by UNDP. The unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the supplier does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected.

³ 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.

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

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

After UNDP has identified the lowest price offer, UNDP reserves the right to award the contract based only on the prices of the goods in the event that the transportation cost (freight and insurance) is found to be higher than UNDP's own estimated cost if sourced from its own freight forwarder and insurance provider.

At any time during the validity of the quotation, no price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the quotation. At the time of award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a quotation implies that the vendor accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP herein attached as Annex 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: <u>http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml</u>.

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 : <u>http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf</u>.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Sincerely yours,

Denis Sușchevici Head of Procurement Unit UNDP Moldova

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Supporting the Public Services Agency in establishing the boundaries of a series of localities in the Republic of Moldova

Project title:	Enhancing democracy in Moldova through inclusive and transparent elections
Implementation period:	March – August 2019

A. <u>Background</u>

"Enhancing democracy in Moldova through inclusive and transparent elections" (EDMITE Project) is a project that sets the overall goal to achieve an enhanced transparency and inclusiveness of the electoral process in Moldova through a modernized IT system, improved legislation and intensified public participation, addressing the root causes of the current challenges hampering the further development of the democracy and the advancement of the electoral process in the Republic of Moldova.

One of the main objectives of the Project is to contribute to achieving a more accurate State Register of Voters, improving the quality and accessibility of data by re-engineering the Civil Status Acts System and Address Register Information System, and facilitating data exchange and interoperability between different central public institutions via the governmental platform for data exchange (MConnect).

To achieve these objectives, the Project is partnering with the Central Electoral Commission (CEC), the Public Services Agency (PSA) and the Electronic Government Agency (EGA). These are different state actors that own important population registration data sets necessary for fair and credible elections. Specific Project's interventions aim at improving the systems and processes in the partner institutions to ensure a reliable quality and timely data supply to the State Register of Voters, thus enhancing the integrity of the electoral process.

Currently the Project supports the Public Services Agency in the implementation of the new Address Register Information System (ARIS), that is of a high importance to the electoral process. The ARIS will represent a register that contains classifiers of administrative-territorial units of the Republic of Moldova (districts, cities/ municipalities, villages/communes, localities, including disbanded cases) and basic elements of urban infrastructure (streets, segments, buildings, entrances, isolated premises) qualified as addresses of physical objects important for the electoral process.

The implementation of ARIS will contribute to achieving the following:

- implementation of a unique state-level evidence of data on addresses;
- development of a unique mechanism to add, modify and delete data for all territorial administrative units;
- development of a unique high-performance repertoire of address data provision;
- creation of an interoperability framework among the Public Services Agency's IT applications and external IT systems that provide and use ARIS data;
- implementation of an efficient collaboration mechanism among all actors involved in the registration and management procedures on address data;
 - reduction of the time required for primary data collection, as well as of the redundancy of processing and managing the existing address data at the national level;
 - ensuring data access control, security and confidentiality to data administrators, collectors and users;
 - providing informational support to the analysis, forecast and research activities of the PSA.

The direct beneficiaries of ARIS will be the central and local authorities, public institutions, private sector and citizens that by virtue of their activity and objective requirements must have access to an accurate and updated database on the address system of the Republic of Moldova.

In 2018, as part the ARIS implementing process, the Project offered support to the Cadastre Department of the PSA in establishing the boundaries of 41 priority localities (out of the total 100 identified). In 2019, the Project aims to support the PSA in the establishment of the boundaries for other 42 localities, while the remaining localities shall be registered by the Cadastre Department of the PSA.

B. **Objectives and expected results**

The Project is looking to contract 2 (two) Companies to support the Cadastre Department of the PSA in establishing the boundaries of 23 communes/villages of the Republic of Moldova, representing a total of 42 localities, currently unregistered. The localities are divided into 2 (two) lots, as follows:

Lot no. 1:				
No.	Locality	Commune / village	District	
1.	Cuconeștii Noi	Cucopostii Noi		
2.	Cuconeștii Vechi	Cuconeștii Noi	Edineț	
3.	Brînzeni	Brînzeni		
4.	Viişoara	Viicoara		
5.	Moara Domnească	Viişoara		
6.	Camenca		Glodeni	
7.	Brînzeni	Comoneo	Glodelli	
8.	Butești	Camenca		
9.	Molești			
10.	Maramonovca	Maramonovca		
11.	Antoneuca	Antoneuca		
12.	Gribova	Gribova		
13.	Hăsnășenii Mari	Hăsnăşenii Mari	Drochia	
14.	Moara de Piatră	Moara de Piatră	Diochia	
15.	Nicoreni	Nicoreni		
16.	Popeștii de Sus	Popeștii de Sus		
17.	Popeștii de Jos	Popeștii de Jos		

Lot no. 2:				
No.	Locality	Commune / village	District	
18.	Obreja Veche	Obreja Veche		
19.	Obreja Nouă			
20.	lşcălău	lşcălău		
21.	Burghelea			
22.	Doltu			
23.	Logofteni	Logofteni		
24.	Moldoveanca			
25.	Ciolacu Nou	Ciolacu Nou		
26.	Ciolacu Vechi		Fălești	
27.	Făgădău			
28.	Pocrovca			
29.	Şoltoaia			
30.	Horești	Horești		
31.	Lucăceni			
32.	Unteni			
33.	Pruteni	Pruteni	Fălești	
34.	Cuzmenii Vechi			
35.	Drujineni			
36.	Valea Rusului			
37.	Sculeni	Sculeni		
38.	Bumbăta	Bumbăta	Ungheni	

39.	Todirești	Todirești	
40.	Grăseni		
41.	Căplani	Căplani	Ştefan Vodă
42.	Măgdăcești	Măgdăcești	Criuleni

Specifically, the Companies will have the following responsibilities:

- Preparatory work (including obtaining the available data from the PSA and examining them);
- Preliminary elaboration of the boundaries plans for the allocated localities (including conducting field visits, identifying jointly with the LPAs the boundaries of the localities' intravilan by means of "orthophoto" materials);
- Elaboration of the initial standard dossiers for establishing the boundaries (*including elaboration of the draft documents and drafts decisions to be approved by the LPAs*) in compliance with the requirements of the Instruction on establishing the boundaries of the administrative-territorial units and the boundaries of the intravilan of localities (approved by Order of the Land Relations and Cadastre Agency no. 109 of 05.09.2016);
- Coordination for approval of the completed dossiers by the LPA representatives;
- Presentation of the approved documents for their registration in ARIS (including transfer and submission of the boundaries' plans, LPA's decisions and all relevant records).

C. Key deliverables and tentative timetable

No	Key deliverables	Tentative deadline
1.	Work plan, including timeframe (per locality) of establishing and registering the boundaries in ARIS (per locality) – elaborated and approved by the PSA and Project;	by 01.04.2019
2.	Handover documents for receipt by 1 st level LPAs of the dossiers for establishing the boundaries of localities – presented and approved by the PSA;	by 03.06.2019
3.	Completed dossiers for establishing the boundaries of localities, approved by the 1 st level LPAs – presented for registration in ARIS;	by 01.08.2019
4.	Final Activity Report – developed and approved by the PSA and Project.	by 15.08.2019

Terms of confidentiality

All data and information offered by the Project and the PSA for the purpose of this assignment must be treated with confidentiality and must be used only for the purpose of activities stipulated by these Terms of Reference. All intellectual property rights that arise from the implementation of these Terms of Reference are attributed to UNDP. The content of materials obtained and used during the period of the contractual assignment cannot be disclosed to any third party without the written consent of the Project.

D. Institutional arrangements

The Companies shall be selected based on their offers per lot. A Company can submit offers for a single lot, as well as for both lots.

The Companies shall fulfill their contractual assignments in close collaboration with the Cadastre Department of the Public Services Agency, under the supervision of the Senior Project Officer, EDMITE Project.

The Public Services Agency will provide the Companies the access to information and materials necessary for the fulfillment of the envisaged tasks. The Project will provide administrative and logistic support, including for organizing the necessary meetings. The deliverables will be approved by the designated PSA representative and the Project.

The payments will be done in multiple tranches, upon presenting and approving the deliverables, as well as the activity reports. Unit prices shall be **exclusive of VAT**.

E. <u>Timeframe</u>

The contractual assignments shall be fully completed not later that the **<u>2nd September 2019</u>**.

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION⁶

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁷)

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

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ltem No.	Description/Specification of Goods	Quantity	Latest Delivery Date	Unit Price	Total Price per Item
	Total Prices of Goods ⁸				
	Add : Cost of Transportation				
	Add : Cost of Insurance				
	Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)				
	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quota	ation			

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

Your Responses

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

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

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

Other Information pertaining to our Quotation are as follows :	Yes, we will comply	No, we cannot comply	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal
Delivery Lead Time			
Estimated weight/volume/dimension of the Consignment:			
Country/ies Of Origin ⁹ :			
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 UNDP General Terms and Conditions			
Other requirements [pls. specify]			

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

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

⁹ If the country of origin requires Export License for the goods being procured, or other relevant documents that the country of destination may require, the supplier must submit them to UNDP if awarded the PO/contract.

General Terms and Conditions

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER

This Purchase Order may only be accepted by the Supplier's signing and returning an acknowledgement copy of it or by timely delivery of the goods in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order, as herein specified. Acceptance of this Purchase Order shall effect a contract between the Parties under which the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be governed solely by the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including these General Conditions. No additional or inconsistent provisions proposed by the Supplier shall bind UNDP unless agreed to in writing by a duly authorized official of UNDP.

2. PAYMENT

- 2.1 UNDP shall, on fulfillment of the Delivery Terms, unless otherwise provided in this Purchase Order, make payment within 30 days of receipt of the Supplier's invoice for the goods and copies of the shipping documents specified in this Purchase Order.
- 2.2 Payment against the invoice referred to above will reflect any discount shown under the payment terms of this Purchase Order, provided payment is made within the period required by such payment terms.
- 2.3 Unless authorized by UNDP, the Supplier shall submit one invoice in respect of this Purchase Order, and such invoice must indicate the Purchase Order's identification number.
- 2.4 The prices shown in this Purchase Order may not be increased except by express written agreement of UNDP.

3. TAX EXEMPTION

- 3.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for utilities services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize UNDP's exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Supplier shall immediately consult with UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.
- 3.2 Accordingly, the Supplier authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Supplier's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Supplier has consulted with UNDP before the payment thereof and UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Supplier to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Supplier shall provide UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

4. RISK OF LOSS

Risk of loss, damage to or destruction of the goods shall be governed in accordance with Incoterms 2010, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties on the front side of this Purchase Order.

5. EXPORT LICENCES

Notwithstanding any INCOTERM 2010 used in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall obtain any export licences required for the goods.

6. FITNESS OF GOODS/PACKAGING

The Supplier warrants that the goods, including packaging, conform to the specifications for the goods ordered under this Purchase Order and are fit for the purposes for which such goods are ordinarily used

and for purposes expressly made known to the Supplier by UNDP, and are free from defects in workmanship and materials. The Supplier also warrants that the goods are contained or packaged adequately to protect the goods.

7. INSPECTION

- 7.1 UNDP shall have a reasonable time after delivery of the goods to inspect them and to reject and refuse acceptance of goods not conforming to this Purchase Order; payment for goods pursuant to this Purchase Order shall not be deemed an acceptance of the goods.
- 7.2 Inspection prior to shipment does not relieve the Supplier from any of its contractual obligations.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT

The Supplier warrants that the use or supply by UNDP of the goods sold under this Purchase Order does not infringe any patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark. In addition, the Supplier shall, pursuant to this warranty, indemnify, defend and hold UNDP and the United Nations harmless from any actions or claims brought against UNDP or the United Nations pertaining to the alleged infringement of a patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark arising in connection with the goods sold under this Purchase Order.

9. **RIGHTS OF UNDP**

In case of failure by the Supplier to fulfil its obligations under the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including but not limited to failure to obtain necessary export licences, or to make delivery of all or part of the goods by the agreed delivery date or dates, UNDP may, after giving the Supplier reasonable notice to perform and without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, exercise one or more of the following rights:

- 9.1 Procure all or part of the goods from other sources, in which event UNDP may hold the Supplier responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- 9.2 Refuse to accept delivery of all or part of the goods.
- 9.3 Cancel this Purchase Order without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

10. LATE DELIVERY

Without limiting any other rights or obligations of the parties hereunder, if the Supplier will be unable to deliver the goods by the delivery date(s) stipulated in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall (i) immediately consult with UNDP to determine the most expeditious means for delivering the goods and (ii) use an expedited means of delivery, at the Supplier's cost (unless the delay is due to Force Majeure), if reasonably so requested by UNDP.

11. ASSIGNMENT AND INSOLVENCY

- 11.1. The Supplier shall not, except after obtaining the written consent of UNDP, assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Purchase Order, or any part thereof, or any of the Supplier's rights or obligations under this Purchase Order.
- 11.2. Should the Supplier become insolvent or should control of the Supplier change by virtue of insolvency, UNDP may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, immediately terminate this Purchase Order by giving the Supplier written notice of termination.

12. USE OF UNDP OR UNITED NATIONS NAME OR EMBLEM

The Supplier shall not use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or the United Nations for any purpose.

13. PROHIBITION ON ADVERTISING

The Supplier shall not advertise or otherwise make public that it is furnishing goods or services to UNDP without specific permission of UNDP in each instance.

14. CHILD LABOUR

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

15. MINES

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

16. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- 16.1 **Amicable Settlement.** The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties.
- 16.2 **Arbitration.** Unless, any such dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof is settled amicably under the preceding paragraph of this Section within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement, such dispute, controversy or claim shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining, including its provisions on applicable law. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

17. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or related to these General Terms and Conditions or this Purchase Order shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

18.1 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. 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.