



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM:	DATE: 23 March 2018
	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 **2 April 2018, 16:00 (Moldova local time)** and via e-mail or courier mail to the address below:

United Nations Development Programme in Moldova
131, 31 August 1989 Street, MD-2012 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Attention: Registry Office/Procurement
tenders-Moldova@undp.org

Quotations shall be submitted in English or Romanian duly signed and stamped and shall be marked with the note **“RfQ18/01720: Supporting the Public Services Agency in establishing the boundaries of a series of localities in the Republic of Moldova”**.

Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 5MB, virus-free and no more than 5 email transmissions. They 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 will reach the address above on or before the deadline. Quotations that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your quotation by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

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

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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As per Delivery Schedule attached in Annex 1
Delivery Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required

Preferred Currency of Quotation ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes
After-sales services required	N/A
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	02 April 2018, 16:00 (Moldova local time)
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Others: Russian and Romanian
Documents to be submitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company profile (short info up to 1 page); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Company's Registration Certificate; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed technical description of the offered services; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List;
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Deadline Date	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 120 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Vendor to extend the validity of the Quotation beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFQ. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Quotation.
Partial Quotes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not permitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permitted by LOT
Payment Terms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% upon complete delivery of services <input type="checkbox"/> Others: <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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price ² ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2 (two) years of experience in the field; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability of certificates, licenses for provision of requested service; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivery period does not exceed the dates indicated in Annex 1; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions.
UNDP will award to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one supplier per each LOT
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order
Special conditions of Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by 30 days <input type="checkbox"/> Others: <specify>
Conditions for Release of Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Acceptance of Goods based on full compliance with RFQ requirements

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 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.

Annexes to this RFQ ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terms of Reference (Annex 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3). 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) ⁴	Eva Bounegru – Project Manager, EDMITE Project eva.bounegru@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.

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

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

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

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

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

Any Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a quotation implies that the vendor accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP herein attached as Annex 3.

UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract/Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier’s preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

Please be advised that UNDP’s vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a purchase order or contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link: <http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml>.

³ Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

⁴ 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.

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.

Sincerely yours,



Denis Suschevici
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: April – August 2018

A. Background

“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.

During 2012-2017, UNDP offered support to the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) in the areas of gender equality and human rights, institutional capacity development, further development and use of the modern and innovative State Automated Information System ‘Elections’ (SAISE), strategic development of the Center for Continuous Electoral Training (CICDE), political party finance legislation implementation and a transparent electoral reform processes. Moreover, substantial steps were taken in addressing challenges to the electoral process related to the data quality and data exchange possibilities among key registers owned by different government institutions. Based on the solid results achieved, UNDP continues to support the CEC and CICDE to ensure the finality and sustainability of the previous UNDP interventions through EDMITE project.

The EDMITE Project aims to contribute to: (1) achieving a more accurate State Register of Voters (SRV), improving the quality and accessibility data by re-engineering the Civil Status Service (CSS) systems, fully developing the State Address Register and facilitating data exchange and interoperability between different central public institutions via governmental platform for data exchange MConnect; (2) enhancing the inclusiveness of the electoral process through developing a remote voting tool and adjusting the State Automated Information System “Elections” to keep up with the technical and political developments; (3) legal reform in the area of elections to erase ambiguities and respond to the technical developments; and (4) enhancing political participation of citizens by setting up and implementing the voter information and civic education programs.

Except for the CEC, which is the main Beneficiary of the Project, EDMITE expanded its partnering set-up with other central public institutions, like the Agency for Public Services (Cadastre Department, Population Registration and Documentation Department), the Electronic Government Center. These are different state actors that center the population registration process and are responsible for important data sets necessary for fair and credible Elections. Specific interventions are aimed to improve their systems and processes to enable them to supply the required data in a reliable quality and in the required timeframe, thus enhancing the integrity of the electoral process.

In this context, EDMITE Project will offer the necessary support to the Public Services Agency (PSA) in the implementation of the new Address Register Information System (ARIS), of high importance to the electoral process, that 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, parameters and data important for the electoral process.

The implementation of ARIS will contribute to achieving the following aims:

- implementation of a unique state-level evidence of data on addresses;
- development of a unique mechanism to add, modify, 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” IT applications, external IT Systems that provide and use ARIS data;
- implementation of an efficient collaboration mechanism among all actors involved in registration and management procedures on address data;
- reduction of required time and redundancy of the process of collecting, processing and managing the data addresses of the Republic of Moldova;
- ensuring data access control and maximum security and confidentiality to data collections and users;
- providing informational support to filed-related analysis, forecast and research activities.

Direct beneficiaries of ARIS will be central and local authorities, public institutions, business environment and citizens, that by virtue of their activity and objective requirements, must have access to an accurate and updated database on address system of Republic of Moldova. Part of the process of implementing ARIS, EDMITE Project will offer support to the Cadastre Department of the PSA in conducting activities for establishing the boundaries of 25 localities, currently unregistered, of priority in the context of the 2018 Parliamentary elections.

B. Objectives and expected results

The UNDP Project is looking to contract 2 (two) Companies to support the Cadastre Department of the Public Service Agency in establishing the boundaries of 25 localities of the Republic of Moldova, currently unregistered.

The set of localities is distributed in 2 (two) lots, of 12 and 13 localities each, as follows:

Lot no. 1:

No.	District	Village / commune	Type	Locality
1.1	Briceni	Caracușenii Vechi village	locality	Caracușenii Vechi
1.2	Briceni	Corjeuți village	locality	Corjeuți
1.3	Drochia	Chetrosu village	locality	Chetrosu
1.4	Drochia	Sofia village	locality	Sofia
1.5	Edineț	Brătușeni commune	locality	Brătușenii Noi
1.6	Edineț	Alexeevca village	locality	Alexeevca
1.7	Florești	Cunicea village	locality	Cunicea
1.8	Sîngerei	Pepeni commune	commune	Pepeni
1.9	Sîngerei	Prepeleța commune	commune	Prepeleța
1.10	Sîngerei	Rădoaia village	locality	Rădoaia
1.11	Șoldănești	Cotiujenii Mari commune	commune	Cotiujenii Mari
1.12	Telenești	Mîndrești commune	commune	Mîndrești

Lot no. 2:

No.	District	Village / commune	Type	Locality
2.1	Mun. Chișinău	com. Trușeni	commune	Trușeni
2.2	Anenii Noi	sat. Hîrbovăț	locality	Hîrbovăț
2.3	Criuleni	sat. Dubăsarii Vechi	locality	Dubăsarii Vechi
2.4	Criuleni	sat. Măgdăcești	locality	Măgdăcești
2.5	Criuleni	sat. Mașcăuți	locality	Mașcăuți
2.6	Dubăsari	sat. Doroțcaia	locality	Doroțcaia
2.7	Orhei	com. Chiperceni	commune	Chiperceni
2.8	Ștefan Vodă	com. Răscăieți	commune	Răscăieți
2.9	Ștefan Vodă	sat. Olănești	locality	Olănești
2.10	Ștefan Vodă	sat. Talmaza	locality	Talmaza
2.11	Ungheni	com. Agronomovca	commune	Agronomovca

2.12	Ungheni	com. Măcărești	commune	Măcărești
2.13	Ungheni	com. Pîrlița	commune	Pîrlița

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 plans of the boundaries for the allocated localities (*including conducting field visits, identifying jointly with the LPAs the boundaries of the localities' intravilan by means of "orthophoto" materials, and preliminarily coordinating the boundaries*);
- Elaboration of the dossier for establishing the boundaries of the localities (*including elaboration of final plans of boundaries and documentation of establishing boundaries, drafting the LPA decision and presenting them for approval by the local councils*), according to the requirements of the Instruction regarding the establishment of the boundaries of 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;
- Coordinating and approval of established boundaries (*including conducting visits at the local level, coordinating materials and presenting the required documentation to the local councils for their approval*);
- Presentation of the approved materials for their registration in ARIS (*including transfer and submission of materials, documentation of councils' decision and presenting the 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 UNDP Project	by 16.04.2018
2.	Handover documents for receipt by 1 st level LPAs of the dossier for establishing the boundaries of localities – presented and approved by the PSA	by 11.06.2018
3.	Dossiers for establishing the boundaries of localities, approved by the 1 st level LPAs – presented for registration and received by the PSA (ARIS administrator)	by 13.08.2018
4.	Final Activity Report – elaborated and approved by the PSA and UNDP Project	by 27.08.2018

Terms of confidentiality

All data and information offered by the UNDP Project and 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 UNDP Project.

D. **Institutional arrangements**

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.

Companies will fulfill their contractual assignments in close collaboration with the Cadastre Department of the Public Services Agency, under the supervision of the UNDP Project.

The Public Services Agency will provide the Companies the access to information and materials necessary for the fulfillment of the envisaged tasks. UNDP Project will provide administrative and logistic support, including for organizing the necessary meetings.

Deliverables will be approved by the designated PSA representative and UNDP Project.

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. Timeframe

Contractual assignments shall be fully completed not later than the **1st of September 2018**.

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁵)

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. _____:

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
1	Lot1 establishing the boundaries of 12 localities of the Republic of Moldova				
2	Lot2 establishing the boundaries of 13 localities of the Republic of Moldova				
Total Prices of Services					
Add : Cost of Transportation (if any pls. specify)					
Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)					
Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation					

TABLE 2 : Estimated Operating Costs (if applicable)

List of Consumable Item/s <i>(Include fast moving parts, if any)</i>	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			
Country Of Origin:			
Validity of Quotation			

⁵ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

All Provisions of the UNDP General Terms and Conditions			
Other requirements <i>[pls. specify]</i>			

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

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

[Designation]

[Date]



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 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.