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Terms of Reference
LEGAL EXPERT CONSULTANCY

Assistance Project to Support the Philippines in Implementation of UN PoA and ATT

Overview

The purpose of the project by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) is to provide the Government of the Philippines with technical and legal assistance to enhance the implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in All Its Aspects (PoA) and support efforts to move towards accession to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Funded by the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR), the project is a part of a wider UNRCPD programme on providing assistance to States in Asia and the Pacific. The project aims at building States' capacities to effectively implement the PoA and promote of ATT accession and ratification in Asia and the Pacific through building capacity and sharing best practices.

UNRCPD is looking for a qualified Legal Expert to review and provide recommendations for the development and improvement of the national legislative and regulatory framework in the Philippines relevant to the implementation of the PoA and the ATT. In addition, consideration will be given to maritime security aspects due to the archipelago-like nature and vast maritime territory of the Philippines.

Timeline:	Approximately 2 months (based on completion of deliverables)
Start date:	Early November 2016 (tentative)
End date:	End of January 2017
Location:	Home based with two visits to Manila, the Philippines, in early November and January 2017 (both tbc)

1. Description of tasks and responsibilities:

- Participate in an assessment visit to Manila to conduct a baseline assessment and identify genuine needs for assistance through discussions with national experts and representatives. This will be done with a view to develop recommendations for comprehensive laws and regulations for national control and international arms transfers in compliance with relevant international standards and requirements, such as those set out in the PoA and the ATT;
- Based on outcomes of the assessment visit and analysis of national legislative documents and materials relating to SALW control as provided by the national authorities, carry out a desk review of the existing national legislative and regulatory framework with a view to develop recommendations that would help to bring them into compliance with relevant provisions set out in the PoA and the ATT;
- Prepare a comprehensive report with analysis of existing gaps and genuine needs, and formulate specific practical recommendations for the development of appropriate laws

and regulations to meet the PoA and the ATT requirements, taking into account maritime security aspects;

- Participate in a final briefing visit to Manila in January 2017 (dates tbc) to present the findings of the report and specific practical recommendations on the improvement and/or development of the national legislative norms and regulations in the area of SALW control. Justify and discuss the legal proposals and recommendations to meet the PoA and the ATT requirements with relevant national officials.

2. Requirements

- Relevant work experience on legislative assistance projects related to international instruments on control of conventional weapons and small arms and light weapons, preferably also in a maritime context;
- Prior experience in carrying out needs assessments and developing of legislative and regulatory frameworks regarding cross-border transfer of conventional weapons and small arms and light weapons would be desirable;
- Good knowledge on the UN Programme of Action and the Arms Trade Treaty;
- Experience working with government officials, the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations;
- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in the field of law is preferred. Degrees in international relations, arms regulations, security or related areas can be considered in combination with relevant work experience;
- Fluency in written and spoken English, including proven excellent drafting skills, is essential.

3. Remuneration

- A consultancy fee will be agreed based on offered financial proposal and paid upon completion of deliverables;
- Expenses for accommodation, board and airfares in economy class for the two visits to Manila, the Philippines, will be covered.

4. Submission of application

Eligible candidates should submit:

- Motivation letter
- Personal History Profile (PHP) form (attached)
- Detailed CV
- Financial proposal

Deadline for applications: 30 September 2016

How to Apply

Please complete the Personal History Form and submit your application as instructed on the terms of reference to: aleksander.micic@unrcpd.org and aruna.shrestha@unrcpd.org

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