



Terms of Reference TECHNICAL 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.

The Regional Centre is looking for a qualified Technical Expert to conduct a baseline assessment and review of the Philippines national technical regulations, norms, standards and current practices related to physical security and stockpile management (PSSM) of SALW. The review and assessment will be conducted in cooperation with the respective national authority with the purpose of identifying possible gaps in national practice and genuine needs for improvement. The main outcome of these activities should be the preparation of a detailed report; the development of concrete practical recommendations relating to control over manufacture, marking, record-keeping, tracing, ensuring security and organizing storage sites of SALW and other weaponry assigned to police, military and other security forces, border control; and destruction of seized and surplus arms. 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 technical framework and procedures on PSSM, prevention of diversion of SALW, as well as on maritime border control, including seizure and collection of illegally transferred or transshipped SALW;
- Based on the outcomes of the assessment visit and analysis of national documents as

provided by the national authority, carry out the desk review of existing national technical requirements, regulations, norms and procedures related to PSSM and maritime border control, with a view to develop recommendations that would help to bring them into compliance with international standards, effective practices and requirements as set out in the PoA and the ATT, and build national capacity in preventing diversion and illicit cross-border movements of SALW;

- Prepare a comprehensive report with analysis of existing gaps and genuine needs, and formulate specific practical recommendations to develop or amend national procedures relating to PSSM of SALW, including confiscation, seizure and collection of illicit small arms, as well as for stockpiling and recording collected SALW;
- Participate in a final briefing visit to Manila in January 2017 (dates tbc) to present the report with review outcomes and technical recommendations on the above-mentioned issues aimed at adapting or developing new national technical regulations and procedures to control SALW. Justify and discuss the proposed recommendations with relevant national officials.

2. Requirements

- Relevant technical experience on projects related to international instruments on control of conventional weapons and SALW, in particular on the PoA, and preferably also in a maritime context;
- Prior experience in carrying out needs assessments and developing recommendations for best practices and regulatory frameworks regarding PSSM, arms transfer control systems and/or prevention of illicit transfer and transshipment of SALW would be desirable;
- Familiarity with the International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) and the ISACS Assessment Tool, as well as with provisions of the Arms Trade Treaty;
- Experience working with government officials and in the framework of the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations;
- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) is desirable in the field of security, international relations, arms regulations, law or related areas;
- Fluency in written and spoken English, including the ability to write clearly and concisely, 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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