

**CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF A  
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This Contract is entered into between the **United Nations** and **Lohdir Anne Labigah IBRAHIM**, hereinafter referred to as the **Contractor**

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ABUJA,,Nigeria

**1 TERMS OF REFERENCE OR WORK ASSIGNMENT** (See Section 3 of ST/AI/2013/4; use additional pages if necessary)

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa is carrying out a UN Development Account project on "Quantifying South-South cooperation to mobilize funds for the SDGs". The project aims to measure the financial and non-financial modalities of SSC to inform and target policy actions with the aim to manage and mobilize resources for efforts to achieve the SDGs.

The outcome document of the 2nd High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (A/RES/73/291) encourages all actors to support initiatives for information and data collection, coordination, dissemination and evaluation of South-South cooperation (SSC), upon the request of developing countries. The established Working Group on Measurement of Development Support developed a proposal for SDG indicator 17.3.1, defining key measurement principles and main components of development support, including SSC. This work thus resulted in an agreed, voluntary Conceptual Framework (CF) for the measurement of SSC, developed by countries of the Global South, adopted by the UN Statistical Commission and the GA in 2022.

This consultancy assignment is in African Centre for Statistics (ACS), of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), in Addis Ababa. The consultancy will substantially contribute to the organization a national workshop on measuring south-south cooperation and contribute to strengthening of national coordination among national agencies of international development and statistical authorities, the Regional Commission and UNCTAD Statistics. Ultimately, the consultancy will lead to the first estimates of Nigeria's SSC flows.

Under the supervision of UNECA, Chief Economic, Agriculture and Infrastructure Statistics) the national consultant will support Nigeria in the process of testing and adapting the validated SSC framework, tools and resources to the national context in order to compile and use the first estimates of South-South cooperation. The main duties and responsibilities are as follows.

In close collaboration with and in support to the Nigeria National Bureau of Statistics:

1. Participate in training and knowledge sharing sessions on SSC quantification;
2. Contribute to the organization of and participate in a national workshop on the principles, framework, and tools for measuring SSC;
3. Support and guide the National Statistics Agency on the coordination and mobilization of national institutions involved in SSC activities;
4. Prepare and deliver presentations and lead discussions on topics to be discussed during the workshop;
5. Prepare a summary of feedback received from the Workshop's discussions regarding the provisions of the Framework' Manual, and tools, and their suitability to account for SSC;
6. Advise focal persons in national partners institutions on data template filling ensuring that timeliness, accuracy and completeness principles are applied;
7. Compile the findings from the SSC data collection process, as well as lessons learned on the process, applying the guiding principles set out in the framework, tools and manual to quantify south-south cooperation.
8. Compile and produce first estimate data on Nigeria's SSC flows.

Output/Work Assignment:

Output 1: Report on national workshop on SSC measurement in Nigeria (\$4,000)

1. Support and guide the National Statistics Agency on the coordination and mobilization of national institutions involved in SSC activities;
2. Contribute to the organization of and participate in a national workshop on the principles, framework, and tools for measuring SSC for institutions involved in SSC;
3. Participate in training and knowledge sharing sessions on SSC quantification;

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4. Prepare and deliver presentations and lead discussions on topics to be discussed during the workshop;
5. Prepare a report of feedback received from the Workshop's discussions regarding the provisions of the Framework, Manual, and tools, and their suitability to account for SSC.

Output 2 : Report on SSC data collection piloting in Nigeria (\$4,000)

1. Ensure communication and coordination among national institutions on the process and modalities of pilot-testing of SSC data collection tools.
2. Liaise with, and provide backstopping advice to focal persons in national partners institutions on data template filling ensuring that consistency, timeliness, accuracy and completeness principles are observed.
3. Prepare a report on the findings from the SSC data collection process, as well as lessons learned on the process of applying the guiding principles set out in the framework, tools and manual to quantify south-south cooperation.

Output 3: First estimates of SSC flows for Nigeria (\$5,000)

1. Compile national institutions' responses to SSC data collection template.
2. Produce first estimate of SSC flows for Nigeria, including relevant metadata for appropriate use and of the data.

Further details of the assignment, if any, are specified in the attached Terms of Reference of Jo. No. 250212

Travel Details: Not Applicable  
(if authorized)

2 DURATION OF CONTRACT: Within the period indicated below.

This Contract shall commence on 18/Aug/2025, and shall expire on the satisfactory completion of the services described above, but not later than 31/Jul/2026, unless sooner terminated under the terms of this contract. This Contract is subject to the conditions on the following pages.

3 CONSIDERATION - As full consideration for the services performed by the Contractor under the terms of this Contract, the United Nations shall pay the Contractor, upon certification that the services have been satisfactorily performed in accordance with the requirements of this Contract, as follows:

- A fee of ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☒ Lump sum
- Currency: USD Total Fee: 13,000.00

- Where two currencies are involved, the rate of exchange shall be the official rate applied by the United Nations on the day the United Nations instructs its bankers to effect the payment(s);

- The fee is payable on satisfactory completion of contract. For payment in instalments, certification of satisfactory performance at each phase is required.

| Service ID | Description                    | Additional Description | Qty | Units      | Rate     | AMOUNT       |
|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----|------------|----------|--------------|
| 3000464    | Consultant Services (Delivery) | Output 1               | 1   | Activ.unit | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 USD |
| 3000464    | Consultant Services (Delivery) | Output 2               | 1   | Activ.unit | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 USD |
| 3000464    | Consultant Services (Delivery) | Output 3               | 1   | Activ.unit | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 USD |

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4 WORK LOCATION AND HEALTH CERTIFICATION: The Contractor shall perform the work assignment at the following location or locations: . In accordance with Sections 4.9 and 4.10 of ST/AI/2013/4:

The Contractor has submitted a certificate of good health

By signing below and initialling to the right, I, the Contractor, acknowledge and agree that I have read and accept the terms of this Contract, including the General Conditions of Contract set forth on the following pages, which form an integral part of this Contract, and that I have been provided with a copy of, have read and understood, and agree to abide by the standards of conduct set forth in the Secretary-General's Bulletin, ST/SGB/2003/13, of 9 October 2003, concerning "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse."

CONTRACTOR'S

INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Lohdir Anne Labigah IBRAHIM

CONTRACTOR'S

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

**AUTHORIZING OFFICER:**

On behalf of the United Nations:

Note: Amended as per HM and consultant agreement

(Name and Title) Chayanon MESANTHASUWAN, ASSOCIATE HUMAN RESOURCES  
OFFICER

DATE: 7 April 2026

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACTS FOR THE SERVICES OF  
CONSULTANTS OR INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS (hereinafter called "Contractors")**

**1. LEGAL STATUS**

The Contractor shall have the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the United Nations, and shall not be regarded, for any purposes, as being either a "staff member" of the United Nations, under the United Nations Staff Regulations and Rules, or an "official" of the United Nations, for purposes of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946. Accordingly, nothing within or relating to the Contract shall establish the relationship of employer and employee, or of principal and agent, between the United Nations and the Contractor. The officials, representatives, employees, or subcontractors of the United Nations and of the Contractor, if any, shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of the other, and the United Nations and the Contractor shall be solely responsible for all claims arising out of or relating to its engagement of such persons or entities.

**2. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

*In General:* The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to the United Nations in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. Should any authority external to the United Nations seek to impose any instructions on the Contractor regarding the Contractor's performance under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify the United Nations and shall provide all reasonable assistance required by the United Nations. The Contractor shall not take any action in respect of its performance of the Contract or otherwise related to its obligations under the Contract that may adversely affect the interests of the United Nations, and the Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract with the fullest regard to the interests of the United Nations. The Contractor warrants that he or she has not and shall not offer any direct or indirect benefit arising from or related to the performance of the Contract or the award thereof to any representative, official, employee, or other agent of the United Nations. The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

*Prohibition of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse:* In the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall comply with the standards of conduct set forth in the Secretary-General's Bulletin, ST/SGB/2003/13, of 9 October 2003, concerning "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse." In particular, the Contractor shall not engage in any conduct that would constitute sexual exploitation or sexual abuse, as defined in that Bulletin.

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any breach of any of the provisions hereof shall constitute a breach of an essential term of the Contract, and, in addition to any other legal rights or remedies available to any person, shall give rise to grounds for termination of the Contract. In addition, nothing herein shall limit the right of the United Nations to refer any alleged breach of the foregoing standards of conduct to the relevant national authorities for appropriate legal action.

**3. TITLE RIGHTS, COPYRIGHTS, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS**

Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by the United Nations to the Contractor for the performance of any obligations under the Contract shall rest with the United Nations, and any such equipment shall be returned to the United Nations at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to the United Nations, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear, and the Contractor shall be liable to compensate the United Nations for any damage or degradation of the equipment that is beyond normal wear and tear.

The United Nations shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for the United Nations under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for the United Nations. However, to the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (a) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (b) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, the United Nations does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to the United Nations a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. At the request of the United Nations, the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to the United Nations in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of the United Nations, shall be made available for use or inspection by the United Nations at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to United Nations authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

**4. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION**

Information and data that is considered proprietary by either the United Nations or the Contractor or that is delivered or disclosed by one of them ("Discloser") to the other ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract, and that is designated as confidential ("Information"), shall be held in confidence and shall be handled as follows. The Recipient of such Information shall use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication, or dissemination of the Discloser's Information as it uses with its own similar information that it does not wish to disclose, publish, or disseminate, and the Recipient may otherwise use the Discloser's Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed. The Recipient may disclose confidential Information to any other party with the Discloser's prior written consent, as well as to the Recipient's employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such confidential Information solely for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract. Subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, provided that the Contractor will give the United Nations sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow the United Nations to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made. The United Nations may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly, or rules promulgated by the Secretary-General. The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder. These obligations and

restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

#### **5. TRAVEL, STATEMENT OF GOOD HEALTH AND SERVICE INCURRED DEATH, INJURY OR ILLNESS**

If the Contractor is required by the United Nations to travel beyond commuting distance from the Contractor's usual place of residence, such travel shall be at the expense of the United Nations. In such cases, the travel expenses borne by the United Nations shall not exceed the cost of travel by the least costly economy service.

Prior to commencement of the Contractor's services in any offices or premises of the United Nations or before engaging in any travel required by the United Nations or connected with the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall submit a statement of good health and certify to being in possession of medical/health insurance during the period of the Contractor's services. The Contractor shall provide such a statement of good health and certification of the medical/health insurance as soon as practicable following signature of the individual contract. The Contractor shall also certify that they possess medical/health insurance that includes medical treatment, and if required to travel beyond commuting distance to any duty station(s) with hardship ratings other than "H" and "A", the Contractor shall certify that their medical/health insurance covers medical evacuations and treatment. The Contractor warrants the accuracy of any such statement of good health, including, but not limited to, confirmation that the Contractor has been fully informed regarding the requirements for inoculations for the country or countries to which travel may be authorized.

The Contractor shall be responsible for assuming all costs that may be incurred in relation to the statement of good health and medical/health insurance.

In the event of the death, injury or illness of the Contractor which is attributable to the performance of services on behalf of the United Nations under the terms of the Contract while the Contractor is travelling at United Nations expense or is performing any services under the Contract in any offices or premises of the United Nations, the Contractor or the Contractor's dependants, as appropriate, shall be entitled to compensation equivalent to that provided under Appendix D to the United Nations Staff Rules (ST/SGB/Staff Rules/Appendix D/Rev.1 and Amend.1).

#### **6. PROHIBITION ON ASSIGNMENT; MODIFICATIONS**

The Contractor may not assign, delegate, transfer, pledge or make any other disposition of the Contract, of any part thereof, or of any of the rights, claims or obligations under the Contractor except with the prior written authorization of the United Nations, and any attempt to do so shall be null and void. The terms or conditions of any supplemental undertakings, licenses, or other forms of agreement concerning any goods or services to be provided under the Contract shall not be valid and enforceable against the United Nations nor in any way shall constitute an agreement by the United Nations thereto, unless any such undertakings, licenses or other forms are the subject of a valid written undertaking by the United Nations.

No modification or change in the Contract shall be valid and enforceable against the United Nations unless provided by means of a valid written amendment to the Contract signed by the Contractor and an authorized official or appropriate contracting authority of the United Nations.

#### **7. SUBCONTRACTORS**

In the event that the Contractor requires the services of sub-contractors to perform any obligations under the Contract, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval of the United Nations for any such sub-contractors. The United Nations may, in its sole discretion, reject any proposed sub-contractor or require such sub-contractor's removal without having to give any justification therefor, and such rejection shall not entitle the Contractor to claim any delays in the performance, or to assert any excuses for the non-performance of any of its obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for all services and obligations performed by its sub-contractors. The terms of any sub-contract shall be subject to, and shall be construed in a manner that is fully in accordance with, all of the terms and conditions of the Contract.

#### **8. USE OF NAME, EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage or goodwill that it has a contractual relationship with the United Nations, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of the United Nations, or any abbreviation of the name of the United Nations in connection with its business or otherwise without the written permission the United Nations.

#### **9. INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold and save harmless, the United Nations, and its officials, agents and employees, from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature, including, but not limited to, all litigation costs and expenses, attorney's fees, settlement payments and damages, based on, arising from, or relating to: (a) allegations or claims that the use by the United Nations of any patented device, any copyrighted material, or any other goods or services provided to the United Nations for its use under the terms of the Contract, in whole or in part, separately or in combination, constitutes an infringement of any patent, copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property right of any third party; or (b) any acts or omissions of the Contractor, or of any sub-contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them in the performance of the Contract, which give rise to legal liability to anyone not a party to the Contract, including, without limitation, claims and liability in the nature of a claim for workers' compensation.

#### **10. INSURANCE**

The Contractor shall pay the United Nations promptly for all loss, destruction, or damage to the property of the United Nations caused by the Contractor, or of any sub-contractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them in the performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for taking out and for maintaining adequate insurance required to meet any of its obligations under the Contract, as well as for arranging, at the Contractor's sole expense, such life, health and other forms of insurance as the Contractor may consider to be appropriate to cover the period during which the Contractor provides services under the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that none of the insurance arrangements the Contractor may make shall, in any way, be construed to limit the Contractor's liability arising under or relating to the Contract.

#### **11. ENCUMBRANCES AND LIENS**

The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with the United Nations against any monies due to the Contractor or to become due for any work done or against any goods supplied or materials furnished under the Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor.

## 12. FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting *force majeure*, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the United Nations, of such occurrence or cause if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract. The Contractor shall also notify the United Nations of any other changes in condition or the occurrence of any event which interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of the Contract. Not more than fifteen (15) days following the provision of such notice of *force majeure* or other changes in condition or occurrence, the Contractor shall also submit a statement to the United Nations of estimated expenditures that will likely be incurred for the duration of the change in condition or the event. On receipt of the notice or notices required hereunder, the United Nations shall take such action as it considers, in its sole discretion, to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform any obligations under the Contract.

If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly, or in part, by reason of *force majeure* to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract, the United Nations shall have the right to suspend or terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for below, under "Termination", except that the period of notice shall be five (5) days instead of any other period of notice. In any case, the United Nations shall be entitled to consider the Contractor permanently unable to perform its obligations under the Contract in the case of the Contractor's suffering any period of suspension in excess of thirty (30) days.

*Force majeure* as used herein means any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, *provided that* such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in or for any areas in which the United Nations is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute *force majeure* under the Contract.

## 13. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, upon giving written notice to the other party. The period of notice shall be five days in the case of contracts for a total period of less than two months and fourteen days in the case of contracts for a period longer than two months. The initiation of conciliation or arbitral proceedings, as provided below, shall not be deemed to be a "cause" for or otherwise to be in itself a termination of the Contract. The United Nations may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to it, terminate the Contract forthwith in the event that: (a) the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or is liquidated, or becomes insolvent, applies for moratorium or stay on any payment or repayment obligations, or applies to be declared insolvent; (b) the Contractor is granted a moratorium or a stay or is declared insolvent; (c) the Contractor makes an assignment for the benefit of one or more of its creditors; (d) a Receiver is appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor; (e) the Contractor offers a settlement in lieu of bankruptcy or receivership; or (f) the United Nations reasonably determines that the Contractor has become subject to a materially adverse change in its financial condition that threatens to endanger or otherwise substantially affect the ability of the Contractor to perform any of its obligations under the Contract.

In the event of any termination of the Contract, upon receipt of notice of termination by the United Nations, the Contractor shall, except as may be directed by the United Nations in the notice of termination or otherwise in writing: (a) take immediate steps to bring the performance of any obligations under the Contract to a close in a prompt and orderly manner, and in doing so, reduce expenses to a minimum; (b) refrain from undertaking any further or additional commitments under the Contract as of and following the date of receipt of such notice; (c) deliver all completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information, and other property that, if the Contract had been completed, would be required to be furnished to the United Nations thereunder; (d) complete performance of the work not terminated; and, (e) take any other action that may be necessary, or that the United Nations may direct in writing, for the protection and preservation of any property, whether tangible or intangible, related to the Contract that is in the possession of the Contractor and in which the United Nations has or may be reasonably expected to acquire an interest.

In the event of any termination of the Contract, the United Nations shall only be liable to pay the Contractor compensation on a pro rata basis for no more than the actual amount of work performed to the satisfaction of the United Nations in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. Additional costs incurred by the United Nations resulting from the termination of the contract by the Contractor may be withheld from any amount otherwise due to the Contractor from the United Nations.

## 14. NON EXCLUSIVITY

The United Nations shall have no obligation respecting, and no limitations on, its right to obtain goods of the same kind, quality and quantity, or to obtain any services of the kind described in the Contract, from any other source at any time.

## 15. TAXATION

Article II, 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 public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, 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 the exemptions of the United Nations from such taxes, restrictions, duties, or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with the United Nations to determine a mutually acceptable procedure. The United Nations shall have no liability for taxes, duty or other similar charges payable by the Contractor in respect of any amounts paid to the Contractor under this Contract, and the Contractor acknowledges that the United Nations will not issue any statements of earnings to the Contractor in respect of any such payments.

## 16. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

*Amicable Settlement:* The United Nations and the Contractor shall use their best efforts to amicably settle any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of the Contract 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 Conciliation Rules then obtaining of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL"), or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the parties in writing.

*Arbitration:* Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the parties arising out of the Contract, or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably, as provided above, shall be referred by either of the parties to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. For all evidentiary questions, the arbitral tribunal shall be guided by the Supplementary Rules Governing the Presentation and Reception of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration of the International Bar Association, 28 May 1983 edition. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In

addition, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

**17. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

Nothing in or relating to the Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.