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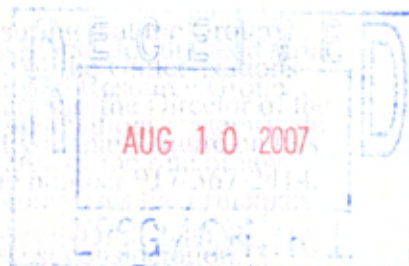
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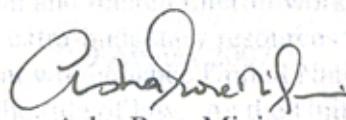
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SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATIONS RULE OF LAW UNIT Project Proposal

1.1 Basic Information

a. Fund/Programme

United Nations

b. Project Title

Supporting the United Nations Rule of Law Unit

c. Countries Covered

Thematic

1.2 Costs & Timing

See attached budget.

1.3 Contact Details

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1.4 Summary Project Details

a. Project purpose

To strengthen the capacity of the Rule of Law Unit in its efforts to ensure enhanced capacities, coordination, coherence and effectiveness of UN system rule of law assistance activities.

b. Summary of project

At the 2005 World Summit, Member States “supported the idea of establishing a rule of law assistance unit within the Secretariat so as to strengthen the United Nations activities to promote the rule of law, including through technical assistance and capacity building” (A/RES/60/1). This support was reaffirmed by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/39. Against this background the Secretary-General issued a report, *Uniting our strengths: Enhancing United Nations support for the rule of law* (A/61/636-S/2006/980), that maintained that the centrality of rule of law to the work of the Organisation has resulted in many UN departments, funds, agencies and programmes becoming engaged in a wide range of rule of law activities. The breadth of these activities has increased the assistance that the UN system is able to provide to Member States, but in some instances has also led to confusion in roles, lack of coherence of efforts, duplications or gaps in the assistance provided. The report stressed that much is needed to be done in improving coordination and rationalization of UN rule of law assistance. As such, the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group (the Group), supported by a secretariat unit (the Unit), was created by the Secretary-General to help ensure overall coordination of UN system-wide rule of

law activities so as to ensure quality control and greater policy coherence. This project will provide the Unit with quick access to resources at this critical juncture to ensure its institutional development.

Activities include:

1. Supporting the Group in improving UN rule of law coordination, strengthening capacities and filling gaps
2. Supporting the Group in developing policy coherence and best practices
3. Supporting the Group in developing partnerships with external actors on rule of law assistance

Outputs include:

1. Improved coordination mechanisms, arrangements and lead responsibilities
2. Agreed joint UN-system work plan on rule of law
3. Policy direction and guidance notes
4. Rule of law electronic repository

The donor contribution will have a critical impact by enabling the Unit to build more coherence in the UN system to translate the recommendations of the Rule of Law Resource and Coordination Group into concrete activities on the ground.

1.5 Full Project Details

a. Background to the project

In considering how to address the growing range and types of assistance provided by the UN system under the rubric of rule of law, the Secretary-General convened the main UN-system actors in rule of law to examine ways to improve coordination and coherence in the delivery of rule of law assistance to Member States. Those consultation, which were carried out over several months, resulted in the establishment of an interagency mechanism, the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group, chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General and comprised of principals from key UN entities (DPA, DPKO, OHCHR, OLA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNIFEM and UNODC), to provide, at the highest level, overall policy direction, coherence, coordination and quality control of UN system-wide rule of law activities, and a secretariat unit to support its work. In addition, given the disparate range of activities carried out by UN entities, the consultations recommended the establishment of a complementary system of lead entities, designated in accordance with their mandates, to assume clearly defined responsibilities for specific areas of rule of law activities.

The first two years of operation will be critical for the Unit to fulfil its role. The Unit will need to develop and implement a programme of work; establish an initial six-month work plan, focusing on areas where it can add value and demonstrate a quick positive impact on UN rule of law activities and improve the performance of the UN system; establish cooperative arrangements with Member States, regional and intergovernmental organizations, IFIs, donors, non-governmental organizations, civil society and other partners, drawing upon their expertise; and consolidate its institutional development. Once the Unit is more established, and subsequent to consultations with lead entities and relevant partners, a full-fledged two-year work plan will be developed. This project will ensure that the Unit has quick access to resources at a critical juncture to ensure its institutional development.

b. Main activities

This project will fund the inputs and operating costs that the unit will need to undertake the following prioritised high impact and highly visible activities that will build its reputation, adjusting for how the programme of work and forward agenda of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group evolves:

1. Supporting the Group in improving UN rule of law coordination, strengthening capacities and filling gaps

In support of the Group, the Unit, in its role as a convenor, will focus on overall coordination, policy issues and quality control, and help ensure that the lead entities perform their responsibilities. The Unit will work with the UN system and other partners to examine existing frameworks to minimize overlap and duplication; liaise with key lead departments; and interact with UN system coordination mechanisms in order to further integration, coordination and improve the quality of rule of law activities in-country.

The Unit will convene all UN rule of law entities to discuss rule of law developments and efforts, and to share information. In this context, the Unit will support a process to develop a Joint UN-System Work Plan on Rule of Law. The process of developing a joint work plan will help identify gaps, duplication and where capacities will need to be improved. It will also maintain a clearinghouse of information about who in the UN system provides what rule of assistance.

The Unit, in collaboration with Office of Legal Affairs, will ensure follow-up to the request from the General Assembly for the preparation of an inventory of current activities of the UN devoted to the promotion of the rule of law at the national and international levels (A/RES/61/39, para. 2) in preparation for the Secretary-General's report to the General Assembly.

In addition, the Unit will oversee a consultative process with relevant partners, including Member States and non-UN entities to identify priority gaps in capacity that need to be filled in the rule of law area, and recommend where and by when these capacities should be established.

2. Supporting the Group in developing policy coherence and best practices

In support of the Group, the Unit, in conjunction with relevant UN actors, will assist the Group in the development of overall cross-cutting policies for rule of law assistance; serve as a resource for the Peacebuilding Commission and Peacebuilding Support Office on rule of law issues; develop guidance notes from the Secretary-General on key cross-cutting thematic rule of law issues; and gather and analyse information relating to the availability of funding for rule of law activities. The Unit, in consultation with other departments, agencies, funds and programmes (e.g., DPKO Best Practices Unit, UNDP Justice & Security Sector Reform Unit), will also compile best practices in rule of law across the UN system, and create a system for collecting, housing and sharing best practices with all partners. It will also act as a repository for UN system rule of law materials, including the identification and endorsement of core rule of law materials, and establish and manage web resources.

3. Supporting the Group in developing partnerships within the UN system/external actors on rule of law assistance

In support of the Group, the Unit will facilitate the establishment of effective partnerships within the UN system amongst the relevant UN rule of law entities. The UN, however, is not the only actor in providing rule of law assistance. Other actors, such as bilateral donors, NGOs and institutes have valuable expertise and experience in this field. The Unit will help the UN system to develop effective partnerships with these actors, both to tap into their expertise and to encourage them to apply UN standards and rights-sensitive approaches. For example, the World Bank, European Union, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, International Development Law Organisation, International Legal Assistance Consortium and others have developed portfolios of initiatives and projects in support of legal and judicial reforms. The Unit will establish cooperative arrangements with these actors and others involved in rule of law assistance with a view to avoiding duplication and maximizing effectiveness through a division of labour. It will also promote South-South cooperation on rule of law issues. Furthermore, the Unit will help to ensure that the UN responds effectively and coherently to requests from Member States for assistance, facilitating contact between UN entities involved in rule of law programming and Member States, regional and intergovernmental organizations, donors and non-governmental organizations, and assisting in the mobilization of resources.

c. Outputs to be delivered

Outputs from this project will include:

1. Improved coordination mechanisms, arrangements and lead responsibilities
By reviewing existing capacities and activities, and working with lead entities and other partners to identify potential gaps and overlaps, rule of law efforts by the UN will be more coherent, targeted and effective thereby ensuring a higher degree of predictability and accountability in the delivery of rule of law assistance to Member States.
2. Agreed Joint UN-System Work Plan on Rule of Law
The Unit, working closely with lead entities, will develop a joint UN-system work plan on rule of law assistance.
3. Policy direction and guidance notes
Several papers and guidance notes on policy and thematic issues will be produced by the Unit to improve the substantive quality of UN rule of law assistance, building upon past experience, and drawing on the know-how and expertise developed from institutions outside the UN system. A guidance note on constitutional assistance has already been developed given the cross-cutting nature of this issue in the establishment of the rule of law. Additional topics will be selected as the UN system identifies other relevant issues, and as the programme of work and forward agenda of the Group evolves.
4. Rule of law electronic repository
UN system rule of law materials, standards and best practices, including the identification and endorsement of core rule of law materials will be maintained by the Unit. It will also establish and manage web resources, and a knowledge network linking all UN rule of law advisors throughout the UN system. The rule of law repository will be a significant step toward retaining and building UN institutional memory in rule of law.

d. Exit strategy and sustainability

The Unit is anticipated to be comprised of five (5) professionals to discharge its mandate. Work is currently underway to detail the staffing needs of the Unit (e.g., identify requisite expertise, define roles and responsibilities, prepare budget). The Unit thus far has been functioning with temporary secondments, which is not sustainable over the long-term. The Unit will need to be financially supported through regular budgetary resources. In the interim, the donor contribution will ensure the Unit can effectively discharge its functions by supporting its staffing needs: one (1) P-3 and one (1) G-6.

It is expected that the Secretary-General will submit a request, when appropriate, to the ACABQ and the Fifth Committee to secure funding for the Unit from the regular budget. These resources will sustain the work of the Unit that the donor contribution is supporting. Significant support among key Member States is coalescing for sustaining the work of the Unit. In addition, the Group will also give due consideration to recommending the creation of a rule of law trust fund upon which the UN system can draw.

e. Longer term impact

The donor contribution will have a critical impact on the initial establishment of the Unit. It will enable the Unit to build more coherence in the UN system in order to translate the recommendations of the Group into concrete activities and impact on the ground. Furthermore, the capacity of the Unit will be strengthened to provide substantive support to the Group to enable it to make informed decisions, and to enable it to undertake a more strategic approach on rule of law issues. It will also improve coordination and strategy development so that all the relevant rule of law entities can deliver as one UN, with joint UN rule of law programming at the country level.

The role and work of the Unit will be publicised both within the UN system and externally through reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly and Unit website.

f. Risk management

As an interagency body, the process of developing and implementing the work of the Group will be subject to political and operational factors and dynamics. Managing these considerations is an essential part of the work of the Unit, which will therefore minimise these risks to the project. Specifically, the Unit will have to work with Member States to ensure that sufficient funding for the Unit materializes from the regular budget. In the alternative, attempts will be made to prolong secondments and draw from extra-budgetary resources.

g. How this project will be monitored, including management arrangements

The Director of the Unit will assume overall responsibility for the implementation of the project and set up an appropriate monitoring mechanism. The Director of the Unit will continuously review the effectiveness of the support the office is rendering to the Group and lead entities.

In devising an effective monitoring system, the Director of the Unit will consult the Group periodically to ensure the project is meeting its objectives as well as rely on several indicators, including the following:

- Reviews/reports of effectiveness and impact of coordination and convening role played by the Unit;
- Frequency and intensity of interaction between the Unit and lead entities;
- Development of joint UN system rule of law programmes in country;

- Range of papers and guidance notes on policy, country-specific and thematic issues produced for rule of law audiences, particularly the UN system (e.g., UN Country Team, SRSGs etc);
- Number and scope of documents and tools collected for rule of law electronic repository;

h. Project inputs (see attached table)

i. How this project will be evaluated

The Director of the Unit will devise a simplified self-evaluation to gauge the overall impact of the project and review specific outcomes at the end of the 2-year period. The Unit will seek the views of the Group, lead entities as well as relevant UN partners. To the extent possible and in light of the conceptual difficulties in devising appropriate impact indicators, the evaluation will seek to clearly attribute the results achieved to the outputs of the project. In addition to the in-house evaluation, an external evaluation will be conducted, which will result in a written report. The broad terms of reference for this external evaluation would seek to trace the influence of the project in coherence, coordination and policy terms. It will be necessary to:

- trace influence of elements of the project to policy and programming decisions within the UN system and its partners;
- interview lead entities, UN system partners and Member States to evaluate the sense of the outputs' performance;
- interview external rule of law experts to observe the growing influence and impact of the outputs.

A small lump sum has been set aside to support the evaluation process.

j. Human Rights Impact

Given the importance of human rights to the establishment of the rule of law, all activities undertaken through the use of these funds will be sensitive to the impact on human rights and will integrate human rights norms and standards in all areas.

k. Environmental Impact

N/A

l. Gender-specific Impact

Given the importance of gender issues to establishing the rule of law, all activities undertaken through the use of these funds will be sensitive to the impact on gender in countries under consideration.

m. Outside contracting and procurement

N/A

n. Other

Several donors have expressed strong interest in supporting the project. The donor contribution will motivate other donors to come forward.

o. Publicity

The contribution of the donor will be acknowledged.

RULE OF LAW ASSISTANCE UNIT WORK PLAN – Through end of 2007

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME	PARTNERS
Supporting the Group in improving UN rule of law coordination, strengthening capacities and filling gaps			
1. Support to the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group	1.1 Organize meetings of the Group	Ongoing	DPA, DPKO, OHCHR, OLA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNIFEM, UNODC
	1.2 Develop the meeting agenda and forward agenda, in consultation with UN rule of law entities		
	1.3 Prepare background documentation		
	1.4 Take notes of meetings and disseminate		
2. Support to the Deputy Secretary-General	2.1 Draft talking points related to rule of law	Ongoing	Unit
	2.2 Provide input for speeches related to rule of law		
	2.3 Attend meetings related to rule of law		
3. Joint UN system work plan on rule of law	3.1 Organize 2-day retreat of RoL units and focal points within the UN system to review work plans	April	Unit, DPA, DPKO, OHCHR, OLA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNIFEM, UNODC
	3.2 Consult with various rule of law entities within the UN-system	May – Nov	
	3.3 Follow-up meeting with UN rule of law entities to finalise joint UN system work plan	Dec	Unit
	3.4 Review and endorsement by RoL–CRG	Dec	RoL–CRG
4. Project proposal for donor funding	4.1 Prepare first draft of proposal	April	Unit
	4.2 Consult with donors	May	Various donors
	4.3 Consult with UN rule of law entities	April – July	DPA, DPKO, OHCHR, OLA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNIFEM, UNODC
	4. Review and endorsement by RoL–CRG	Aug	RoL–CRG
5. Report identifying priority gaps in capacity	5.1 Launch consultation process for identification of gaps in capacity	July – Oct	Unit, UN system, Member States, external actors
	5.2 Prepare document	Nov	
	5.3 Review and endorsement by RoL–CRG	Dec	
Supporting the Group in developing policy coherence and best practices			
6. Guidance Note on one (1) cross-cutting thematic rule of law issue	6.1 Desk review of relevant documents	July – Aug	Unit
	6.2 Consult with all UN rule of law entities	July – Sept	Unit and UN system
	6.3 Prepare first draft	July – Sept	Unit
	6.4 Consult with UN rule of law entities on draft	July – Sept	DPA, DPKO, OHCHR, OLA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNIFEM, UNODC

	6.5 Finalize guidance note	Oct – Nov	Unit
	6.6 Review and endorsement by RoL–CRG	Nov	RoL–CRG
7. Lessons learned paper on the international experience in rule of law assistance	7.1 Desk review of relevant documents	July – Sept	Unit
	7.2 Consult with all UN rule of law entities	July – Oct	Unit and UN system
	7.3 Prepare first draft	July – Oct	Unit
	7.4 Consult with UN rule of law entities on draft	July – Oct	DPA, DPKO, OHCHR, OLA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNIFEM, UNODC
	7.5 Finalize lessons learned paper	Nov – Dec	Unit
Supporting the Group in strengthening partnerships			
8. Pilot website	8.1 Review existing web resources on rule of law throughout the UN system	June	Unit
	8.2 Consult with UN Information Technology Services Division (ITSD)	July	Unit, ITSD
	8.3 Develop text for website	June – Oct	Unit
	8.4 Collect documents/files/images for website	Ongoing	Unit, UN system, external partners
	8.5 Agree on structure of website	Nov	Unit
9. Partnership arrangements with key international rule of law assistance providers outside the UN system	9.1 Develop agenda for roundtable, involving the UN system and key international rule of law assistance providers	July – Aug	Unit in consultation with UN system and external partners
	9.2 Identify participants and issue invitations		Unit, UN system
	9.3 Identify principles for UN cooperation with external actors		
	9.4 Organize and manage travel arrangements	Sept	Unit
	9.5 Hold roundtable	Oct	Unit
	9.6 Draft roundtable report	Oct	Unit
	9.7 Disseminate roundtable report	Nov	Unit

**Donor Contribution to UN Rule of Law Unit
Project inputs 07/2007 to 07/2009**

Description	Amount (\$)	Qty.	Total Amount (\$)
1. Travel of Unit staff: 8 trips	8,200.00	8	65,600.00
2. RoL-CRG members coordination meetings: 4 meetings	8,200.00	4	32,800.00
3. Organization of expert-level meetings (\$16,000 each): 4 meetings	16,000.00	4	64,000.00
4. Design, development and maintenance of rule of law knowledge network linking all UN rule of law advisors, including global roster of rule of law professionals	50,000.00	1	50,000.00
5. RoL website design, development and maintenance	50,000.00	1	50,000.00
6. Establishment and maintenance of UN rule of law repository	45,000.00	1	45,000.00
7. Project personnel (P-3; G-6; consultancies)	380,000.00	1	380,000.00
8. Estimated expenses related to postage, telephone, printing etc.	15,000.00	1	15,000.00
9. Support for evaluation of project	10,000.00	1	10,000.00
Subtotal			692,400.00
13% Programme Support Costs			90,012.00
Total			782,412.00