



TO: Mr. Dmitri Dovgopoly, Director  
A: Procurement Division, OCSS, DM

DATE: 17 April 2012

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FROM: Jay Pozenel, Principal Legal Officer  
DE: General Legal Division, OLA

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SUBJECT: **Revisions to the United Nations General Conditions of Contract**  
OBJET:

1. I refer to my memorandum of 4 August 2011, concerning the revision of the United Nations General Conditions of Contract (“UNGCC”) formulated in 2008. I also refer to my memorandum of 28 September 2011, pursuant to which OLA provided an interim version of the UNGCCs, which updated the 2008 version of the UNGCCs to take account of the promulgation of the 2010 UNICTRAL Arbitration Rules and to reflect other minor editorial changes. Since then, OLA has completed a further technical review of the UNGCCs and has updated the interim version of the UNGCCs to incorporate some necessary technical changes. In the main, the technical changes introduced into the enclosed April 2012 version of the UNGCCs are the following: (i) clarification and reorganization of the UNGCC provision on Audits and Investigations; and, (ii) clarification and reorganization of several UNGCC provisions that are considered as essential terms.

2. Please find enclosed pdf copies, in English, of the revised April 2012 forms of:

- (i) the UNGCC for the Provision of Services;
- (ii) the UNGCC for the Provision of Goods;
- (iii) the UNGCC for the Provision of Goods and Services; and,
- (iv) the UNGCC for De Minimis Field Contracts.

French and Spanish versions of the updated UNGCCs and an updated Guide to the UNGCC will be made available shortly on GLD’s website for down loads.

3. We recommend incorporating one of the four versions of the UNGCCs enclosed herewith when formulating new contractual instruments.

4. Finally, given that the UNGCCs have not been thoroughly revised since 2008, we envision that, at an appropriate point, it will be useful to engage in a comprehensive consultative process among all relevant stakeholders, just as was done in the preparation of the 2008 version of the UNGCC.

Enclosures

CC: Ms. A. Axenidou  
Legal Liaison Officers