

ANNEX 5



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DG

Directorate

Unit

DRAFT SERVICE CONTRACT

CONTRACT NUMBER – []

The European Community (hereinafter referred to as "the Community"), represented by the Commission of the European Communities (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"), which is represented for the purposes of the signature of this contract by Mr. [] , Director in the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport, Directorate []

of the one part,

and

[official name in full]

[official legal form] (Delete if contractor is a natural person or a body governed by public law.)

[statutory registration number] Delete if contractor is a body governed by public law. For natural persons, indicate the number of their identity card or, failing that, of their passport or equivalent

[official address in full]

[VAT registration number]

(hereinafter referred to as "the Contractor"), represented for the purposes of the signature of this contract by [name in full and function]

of the other part,

HAVE AGREED

the **Special Conditions** and the **General Conditions** below and the following Annexes:

Annex I – Tender Specifications (Invitation to Tender No [] of []) and Monitoring

Annex II – Contractor's Tender (No [] of [])

Annex III - Daily allowances

which form an integral part of this contract (hereinafter referred to as “the Contract”).

The terms set out in the Special Conditions shall take precedence over those in the other parts of the Contract. The terms set out in the General Conditions shall take precedence over those in the Annexes. The terms set out in the Tender Specifications (Annex I) shall take precedence over those in the Tender (Annex II).

Subject to the above, the several instruments forming part of the Contract are to be taken as mutually explanatory. Ambiguities or discrepancies within or between such parts shall be explained or rectified by a written instruction issued by the Commission, subject to the rights of the Contractor under Article I.7 should he dispute any such instruction.

I – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

ARTICLE I.1 - SUBJECT

- I.1.1.** The subject of the Contract is to provide the Commission services with logistic and technical support for the future Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics during the interim period in 2009 allowing preparatory work to start before the Partnership is up and running and fully operational in 2010.
- I.1.2.** The Contractor shall execute the tasks assigned to him in accordance with the Tender Specifications annexed to the Contract (Annex I).

ARTICLE I.2 - DURATION

- I.2.1.** The Contract shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the last contracting party.
- I.2.2.** Execution of the tasks may under no circumstances begin before the date on which the Contract enters into force.
- I.2.3.** The duration of the tasks shall not exceed **16 months**. This period and all other periods specified in the Contract are calculated in calendar days. Execution of the tasks shall start from date of entry into force of the Contract. The period of execution of the tasks may be extended only with the express written agreement of the parties before such period elapses.

ARTICLE I.3 – CONTRACT PRICE

- I.3.1.** The maximum total amount to be paid by the Commission under the Contract shall be EUR [] covering all tasks executed.
- I.3.2.** Not applicable.
- I.3.3.** In addition to the total amount specified in Article I.3.1, travel, subsistence and shipment expenses of non-contracting parties shall be reimbursed in accordance with Article II.7, as shall other expenses provided for by the Tender Specifications under Task 7 up to a maximum amount of EUR 120 000 (one hundred and twenty thousand). The daily subsistence allowance referred to in Article II.7.4(d) shall be determined in accordance with Annex III. These may be exceeded only for participation of a Minister level person..

ARTICLE I.4 – PAYMENT PERIODS AND FORMALITIES

Payments under the Contract shall be made in accordance with Article II.4. Payments shall be executed only if the Contractor has fulfilled all his contractual obligations by the date on which the invoice is submitted.

- I.4.1.** Pre-financing:

Following signature of the Contract by the last contracting party, within 30 days of:

- the receipt by the Commission of a duly constituted financial guarantee equal to at least EUR []

a pre-financing payment of EUR [] equal to 30 % of the total amount referred to in Article I.3.1. shall be made.]

I.4.2 Not applicable.

I.4.3. Payment of the balance:

The request for payment of the balance of the Contractor shall be admissible if accompanied by

- the intering report 3 and the final technical report in accordance with the instructions laid down in Annex I
- the relevant invoices
- statements of reimbursable expenses in accordance with Article II.7

provided the reports have been approved by the Commission.

The Commission shall have forty-five days from receipt to approve or reject the report, and the Contractor shall have 20 days in which to submit additional information or a new report.

Within 30 days [of the date on which the report is approved by the Commission,] payment of the balance corresponding to EUR [] equal to 30 % of the total amount referred to in Article I.3.1 shall be made.

[For Contractors established in Belgium, the provisions of the Contract constitute a request for VAT exemption No 450, provided the Contractor includes the following statement in his invoice(s): “Exonération de la TVA, article 42, paragraphe 3.3 du code de la TVA” or an equivalent statement in the Dutch or German language.]

[For Contractors established in Italy, the provisions of the Contract constitute a request for VAT exemption, provided the Contractor includes the following statement in his invoice(s): “Operazione non imponibile ai sensi dell’articolo 72, comma 3) paragrafo 3 del D.P.R. n. 633 del 26/10/1972 come modificato da ultimo dal D.L. n. 323 del 20/06/1996 convertito in Legge n. 425 dell’8/8/1996”.]

ARTICLE I.5 – BANK ACCOUNT

Payments shall be made to the Contractor’s bank account denominated in euro, identified as follows:

Name of bank: [complete]
 Address of branch in full: [complete]
 Exact designation of account holder: [complete]
 Full account number including codes: [complete]
 [IBAN code: [complete]

ARTICLE I.6 – GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Any communication relating to the Contract shall be made in writing and shall bear the Contract number. Ordinary mail shall be deemed to have been received by the Commission on the date on which it is registered by the department responsible indicated below. Communications shall be sent to the following addresses:

Commission:

European Commission
Directorate-General for energy and transports
Directorate B – Transport Logistics, TEN-T and Comodality
Unit B1 - International transport relations and trans-European transport network policy
B-1049 Bruxelles

Contractor:

Mr/Mrs/Ms [complete]
[Function]
[Company name]
[Official address in full]

ARTICLE I.7– APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- I.7.1.** The Contract shall be governed by Community law complemented, where necessary, by the national substantive law of Belgium.
- I.7.2.** Any dispute between the parties resulting from the interpretation or application of the Contract which cannot be settled amicably shall be brought before the courts of Belgium.

ARTICLE I.8 – DATA PROTECTION

Any personal data included in the Contract shall be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. It shall be processed solely for the purposes of the performance, management and follow-up of the Contract by the entity acting as data controller within DG TREN without prejudice to possible transmission to internal audit services, to the European Court of Auditors, to the Financial Irregularities Panel and/or to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) for the purposes of safeguarding the financial interests of the Community. The Contractor shall have the right of access to his personal data and the right to rectify any such data that is inaccurate or incomplete. Should the Contractor have any queries concerning the processing of his personal data, he shall address them to the entity acting as data controller within DG TREN. The Contractor shall have right of recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor.

[ARTICLE I.10 – OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

II – GENERAL CONDITIONS

ARTICLE II.1 – PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT

- II.1.1.** The Contractor shall perform the Contract to the highest professional standards. The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on him, notably those resulting from employment, tax and social legislation.
- II.1.2.** The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for taking the necessary steps to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of the Contract under the laws and regulations in force at the place where the tasks assigned to him are to be executed.
- II.1.3.** Without prejudice to Article II.3 any reference made to the Contractor's staff in the Contract shall relate exclusively to individuals involved in the performance of the Contract.
- II.1.4.** The Contractor must ensure that any staff performing the Contract have the professional qualifications and experience required for the execution of the tasks assigned to him.
- II.1.5.** The Contractor shall neither represent the Commission nor behave in any way that would give such an impression. The Contractor shall inform third parties that he does not belong to the European public service.
- II.1.6.** The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for the staff who execute the tasks assigned to him.

The Contractor shall make provision for the following employment or service relationships with his staff:

- staff executing the tasks assigned to the Contractor may not be given orders direct by the Commission;
 - the Commission may not under any circumstances be considered to be the staff's employer and the said staff shall undertake not to invoke in respect of the Commission any right arising from the contractual relationship between the Commission and the Contractor.
- II.1.7.** In the event of disruption resulting from the action of a member of the Contractor's staff working on Commission premises or in the event of the expertise of a member of the Contractor's staff failing to correspond to the profile required by the Contract, the Contractor shall replace him without delay. The Commission shall have the right to request the replacement of any such member of staff, stating its reasons for so doing. Replacement staff must have the necessary qualifications and be capable of performing the Contract under the same contractual conditions. The Contractor shall be responsible for any delay in the execution of the tasks assigned to him resulting from the replacement of staff in accordance with this Article.
- II.1.8.** Should any unforeseen event, action or omission directly or indirectly hamper execution of the tasks, either partially or totally, the Contractor shall immediately and on his own initiative record it and report it to the Commission. The report shall include a description of the problem and an indication of the date on which it started and of the remedial action taken

by the Contractor to ensure full compliance with his obligations under the Contract. In such event the Contractor shall give priority to solving the problem rather than determining liability.

- II.1.9.** Should the Contractor fail to perform his obligations under the Contract in accordance with the provisions laid down therein, the Commission may - without prejudice to its right to terminate the Contract - reduce or recover payments in proportion to the scale of the failure. In addition, the Commission may impose penalties or liquidated damages provided for in Article II.16.

ARTICLE II.2 – LIABILITY

- II.2.1.** The Commission shall not be liable for damage sustained by the Contractor in performance of the Contract except in the event of wilful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Commission.
- II.2.2.** The Contractor shall be liable for any loss or damage caused by himself in performance of the Contract, including in the event of subcontracting under Article II.13. The Commission shall not be liable for any act or default on the part of the Contractor in performance of the Contract.
- II.2.3.** The Contractor shall provide compensation in the event of any action, claim or proceeding brought against the Commission by a third party as a result of damage caused by the Contractor in performance of the Contract.
- II.2.4.** In the event of any action brought by a third party against the Commission in connection with performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall assist the Commission. Expenditure incurred by the Contractor to this end may be borne by the Commission.
- II.2.5.** The Contractor shall take out insurance against risks and damage relating to performance of the Contract if required by the relevant applicable legislation. He shall take out supplementary insurance as reasonably required by standard practice in the industry. A copy of all the relevant insurance contracts shall be sent to the Commission should it so request.

ARTICLE II.3 - CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

- II.3.1.** The Contractor shall take all necessary measures to prevent any situation that could compromise the impartial and objective performance of the Contract. Such conflict of interests could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties, or any other relevant connection or shared interest. Any conflict of interests which could arise during performance of the Contract must be notified to the Commission in writing without delay. In the event of such conflict, the Contractor shall immediately take all necessary steps to resolve it.

The Commission reserves the right to verify that such measures are adequate and may require additional measures to be taken, if necessary, within a time limit which it shall set. The Contractor shall ensure that his staff, board and directors are not placed in a situation which could give rise to conflict of interests. Without prejudice to Article II.1 the Contractor shall replace, immediately and without compensation from the Commission, any member of his staff exposed to such a situation.

II.3.2. The Contractor shall abstain from any contact likely to compromise his independence.

II.3.3. The Contractor declares:

- that he has not made and will not make any offer of any type whatsoever from which an advantage can be derived under the Contract,
- that he has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and has not accepted and will not accept, any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, where such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, inasmuch as it is an incentive or reward relating to performance of the Contract.

II.3.4. The Contractor shall pass on all the relevant obligations in writing to his staff, board, and directors as well as to third parties involved in performance of the Contract. A copy of the instructions given and the undertakings made in this respect shall be sent to the Commission should it so request.

ARTICLE II.4 – PAYMENTS

II.4.1. Pre-financing :

Where required by Article I.4.1, the Contractor shall provide a financial guarantee in the form of a bank guarantee or equivalent supplied by a bank or an authorised financial institution (guarantor) equal to the amount indicated in the same Article to cover pre-financing under the Contract. Such guarantee may be replaced by a joint and several guarantee by a third party.

The guarantor shall pay to the Commission at its request an amount corresponding to payments made by it to the Contractor which have not yet been covered by equivalent work on his part.

The guarantor shall stand as first-call guarantor and shall not require the Commission to have recourse against the principal debtor (the Contractor).

The guarantee shall specify that it enters into force at the latest on the date on which the Contractor receives the pre-financing. The Commission shall release the guarantor from its obligations as soon as the Contractor has demonstrated that any pre-financing has been covered by equivalent work. The guarantee shall be retained until the pre-financing has been deducted from interim payments or payment of the balance to the Contractor. It shall be released the following month. The cost of providing such guarantee shall be borne by the Contractor.

II.4.2. Interim payment:

At the end of each of the periods indicated in Annex I the Contractor shall submit to the Commission a formal request for payment accompanied by those of the following documents which are provided for in the Special Conditions:

- an interim technical report in accordance with the instructions laid down in Annex I;
- the relevant invoices indicating the reference number of the Contract to which they refer;
- statements of reimbursable expenses in accordance with Article II.7.

If the report is a condition for payment, on receipt the Commission shall have the period of time indicated in the Special Conditions in which:

- to approve it, with or without comments or reservations, or suspend such period and request additional information; or
- to reject it and request a new report.

If the Commission does not react within this period, the report shall be deemed to have been approved. Approval of the report does not imply recognition either of its regularity or of the authenticity, completeness or correctness of the declarations or information enclosed.

Where the Commission requests a new report because the one previously submitted has been rejected, this shall be submitted within the period of time indicated in the Special Conditions. The new report shall likewise be subject to the above provisions.

II.4.3. Payment of the balance:

Within sixty days of completion of the tasks referred to in Annex I the Contractor shall submit to the Commission a formal request for payment accompanied by those of the following documents which are provided for in the Special Conditions:

- a final technical report in accordance with the instructions laid down in Annex I;
- the relevant invoices indicating the reference number of the Contract to which they refer;
- statements of reimbursable expenses in accordance with Article II.7.

If the report is a condition for payment, on receipt the Commission shall have the period of time indicated in the Special Conditions in which:

- to approve it, with or without comments or reservations, or suspend such period and request additional information; or
- to reject it and request a new report.

If the Commission does not react within this period, the report shall be deemed to have been approved. Approval of the report does not imply recognition either of its regularity or of the authenticity, completeness or correctness of the declarations and information enclosed.

Where the Commission requests a new report because the one previously submitted has been rejected, this shall be submitted within the period of time indicated in the Special Conditions. The new report shall likewise be subject to the above provisions.

ARTICLE II.5 – GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING PAYMENTS

II.5.1. Payments shall be deemed to have been made on the date on which the Commission's account is debited.

II.5.2. The payment periods referred to in Article I.4 may be suspended by the Commission at any time if it informs the Contractor that his payment request is not admissible, either because the amount is not due or because the necessary supporting documents have not been properly produced. In case of doubt on the eligibility of the expenditure indicated in the payment request, the Commission may suspend the time limit for payment for the purpose of further verification, including an on-the-spot check, in order to ascertain, prior to payment, that the expenditure is eligible.

The Commission shall notify the Contractor accordingly by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or equivalent. Suspension shall take effect from the date of

dispatch of the letter. The remainder of the period referred to in Article I.4 shall begin to run again once the suspension has been lifted.

II.5.3. In the event of late payment the Contractor shall be entitled to claim interest, provided the calculated interest exceeds EUR 200. However, in the event of payment due before 1st January 2008, the Contractor may claim interest only within two months of receiving the payment. In case interest does not exceed EUR 200, the Contractor may claim interest within two months of receiving the payment. Interest shall be calculated at the rate applied by the European Central Bank to its most recent main refinancing operations (*"the reference rate"*) plus seven percentage points (*"the margin"*). The reference rate in force on the first day of the month in which the payment is due shall apply. Such interest rate is published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union. Interest shall be payable for the period elapsing from the calendar day following expiry of the time limit for payment up to the day of payment. Suspension of payment by the Commission may not be deemed to constitute late payment.

ARTICLE II.6 – RECOVERY

II.6.1. If total payments made exceed the amount actually due under the Contract or if recovery is justified in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the Contractor shall reimburse the appropriate amount in euro on receipt of the debit note, in the manner and within the time limits set by the Commission.

II.6.2. In the event of failure to pay by the deadline specified in the request for reimbursement, the sum due shall bear interest at the rate indicated in Article II.5.3. Interest shall be payable from the calendar day following the due date up to the calendar day on which the debt is repaid in full.

II.6.3. The Commission may, after informing the Contractor, recover amounts established as certain, of a fixed amount and due by offsetting, in cases where the Contractor also has a claim on the Communities that is certain, of a fixed amount and due. The Commission may also claim against the guarantee, where provided for.

ARTICLE II.7 - REIMBURSEMENTS

II.7.1. Where provided by the Special Conditions or by Annex I, the Commission shall reimburse the expenses which are directly connected with execution of the tasks on production of original supporting documents, including receipts and used tickets.

II.7.2. Travel and subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed, where appropriate, on the basis of the shortest itinerary.

II.7.3. Travel expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:

- a) travel by air shall be reimbursed up to the maximum cost of an economy class ticket at the time of the reservation;
- b) travel by boat or rail shall be reimbursed up to the maximum cost of a first class ticket;
- c) travel by car shall be reimbursed at the rate of one first class rail ticket for the same journey and on the same day;

- d) travel outside Community territory shall be reimbursed under the general conditions stated above provided the Commission has given its prior written agreement.

II.7.4. Subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed on the basis of a daily allowance as follows:

- a) for journeys of less than 200 km (return trip) no subsistence allowance shall be payable;
- b) daily subsistence allowance shall be payable only on receipt of a supporting document proving that the person concerned was present at the place of destination;
- c) daily subsistence allowance shall take the form of a flat-rate payment to cover all subsistence expenses, including accommodation, meals, local transport, insurance and sundries;
- d) daily subsistence allowance, where applicable, shall be reimbursed at the rate specified in Article I.3.3.

II.7.5. The cost of shipment of equipment or unaccompanied luggage shall be reimbursed provided the Commission has given prior written authorisation.

ARTICLE II.8 – OWNERSHIP OF THE RESULTS - INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Any results or rights thereon, including copyright and other intellectual or industrial property rights, obtained in performance of the Contract, shall be owned solely by the Community, which may use, publish, assign or transfer them as it sees fit, without geographical or other limitation, except where industrial or intellectual property rights exist prior to the Contract being entered into.

ARTICLE II.9 – CONFIDENTIALITY

II.9.1. The Contractor undertakes to treat in the strictest confidence and not make use of or divulge to third parties any information or documents which are linked to performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall continue to be bound by this undertaking after completion of the tasks.

II.9.2. The Contractor shall obtain from each member of his staff, board and directors an undertaking that they will respect the confidentiality of any information which is linked, directly or indirectly, to execution of the tasks and that they will not divulge to third parties or use for their own benefit or that of any third party any document or information not available publicly, even after completion of the tasks.

ARTICLE II.10 - USE, DISTRIBUTION AND PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION

II.10.1. The Contractor shall authorise the Commission to process, use, distribute and publish, for whatever purpose, by whatever means and on whatever medium, any data contained in or relating to the Contract, in particular the identity of the Contractor, the subject matter, the duration, the amount paid and the reports. Where personal data is concerned, Article I.8 shall apply.

- II.10.2.** Unless otherwise provided by the Special Conditions, the Commission shall not be required to distribute or publish documents or information supplied in performance of the Contract. If it decides not to publish the documents or information supplied, the Contractor may not have them distributed or published elsewhere without prior written authorisation from the Commission.
- II.10.3.** Any distribution or publication of information relating to the Contract by the Contractor shall require prior written authorisation from the Commission and shall mention the amount paid by the Community. It shall state that the opinions expressed are those of the Contractor only and do not represent the Commission's official position.
- II.10.4.** The use of information obtained by the Contractor in the course of the Contract for purposes other than its performance shall be forbidden, unless the Commission has specifically given prior written authorisation to the contrary.

ARTICLE II. 11 – TAXATION

- II.11.1.** The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for compliance with the tax laws which apply to him. Failure to comply shall make the relevant invoices invalid.
- II.11.2.** The Contractor recognises that the Commission is, as a rule, exempt from all taxes and duties, including value added tax (VAT), pursuant to the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities.
- II.11.3.** The Contractor shall accordingly complete the necessary formalities with the relevant authorities to ensure that the goods and services required for performance of the Contract are exempt from taxes and duties, including VAT.
- II.11.4.** Invoices presented by the Contractor shall indicate his place of taxation for VAT purposes and shall specify separately the amounts not including VAT and the amounts including VAT.

ARTICLE II.12 – FORCE MAJEURE

- II.12.1.** Force majeure shall mean any unforeseeable and exceptional situation or event beyond the control of the contracting parties which prevents either of them from performing any of their obligations under the Contract, was not due to error or negligence on their part or on the part of a subcontractor, and could not have been avoided by the exercise of due diligence. Defects in equipment or material or delays in making it available, labour disputes, strikes or financial problems cannot be invoked as force majeure unless they stem directly from a relevant case of force majeure.
- II.12.2.** Without prejudice to the provisions of Article II.1.8, if either contracting party is faced with force majeure, it shall notify the other party without delay by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or equivalent, stating the nature, likely duration and foreseeable effects.
- II.12.3.** Neither contracting party shall be held in breach of its contractual obligations if it has been prevented from performing them by force majeure. Where the Contractor is unable to

perform his contractual obligations owing to force majeure, he shall have the right to remuneration only for tasks actually executed.

II.12.4. The contracting parties shall take the necessary measures to reduce damage to a minimum.

ARTICLE II.13 – SUBCONTRACTING

II.13.1. The Contractor shall not subcontract without prior written authorisation from the Commission nor cause the Contract to be performed in fact by third parties.

II.13.2. Even where the Commission authorises the Contractor to subcontract to third parties, he shall none the less remain bound by his obligations to the Commission under the Contract and shall bear exclusive liability for proper performance of the Contract.

II.13.3. The Contractor shall make sure that the subcontract does not affect rights and guarantees to which the Commission is entitled by virtue of the Contract, notably Article II.17.

ARTICLE II.14 – ASSIGNMENT

II.14.1. The Contractor shall not assign the rights and obligations arising from the Contract, in whole or in part, without prior written authorisation from the Commission.

II.14.2. In the absence of the authorisation referred to in 1 above, or in the event of failure to observe the terms thereof, assignment by the Contractor shall not be enforceable against and shall have no effect on the Commission.

ARTICLE II.15 – TERMINATION BY THE COMMISSION

II.15.1. The Commission may terminate the Contract in the following circumstances:

- (a) where the Contractor is being wound up, is having his affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (b) where the Contractor has been convicted of an offence concerning his professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- (c) where the Contractor has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- (d) where the Contractor has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country applicable to the Contract or those of the country where the Contract is to be performed;
- (e) where the Commission seriously suspects the Contractor of fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;

- (f) where the Contractor is in breach of his obligations under Article II.3;
- (g) where the Contractor was guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the Commission as a condition of participation in the Contract procedure or failed to supply this information;
- (h) where a change in the Contractor's legal, financial, technical or organisational situation could, in the Commission's opinion, have a significant effect on the performance of the Contract;
- (i) where execution of the tasks has not actually commenced within three months⁷ of the date foreseen, and the new date proposed, if any, is considered unacceptable by the Commission;
- (j) where the Contractor is unable, through his own fault, to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of the Contract;
- (k) where the Contractor, after receiving formal notice in writing to comply, specifying the nature of the alleged failure, and after being given the opportunity to remedy the failure within a reasonable period following receipt of the formal notice, remains in serious breach of his contractual obligations.

II.15.2. In case of force majeure, notified in accordance with Article II.12, either contracting party may terminate the Contract, where performance thereof cannot be ensured for a period corresponding to at least to one fifth of the period laid down in Article I.2.3.

II.15.3. Prior to termination under point e), h) or k), the Contractor shall be given the opportunity to submit his observations.

Termination shall take effect on the date on which a registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt terminating the Contract is received by the Contractor, or on any other date indicated in the letter of termination.

II.15.4. Consequences of termination:

In the event of the Commission terminating the Contract in accordance with this Article and without prejudice to any other measures provided for in the Contract, the Contractor shall waive any claim for consequential damages, including any loss of anticipated profits for uncompleted work. On receipt of the letter terminating the Contract, the Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to minimise costs, prevent damage, and cancel or reduce his commitments. He shall draw up the documents required by the Special Conditions for the tasks executed up to the date on which termination takes effect, within a period not exceeding sixty days from that date.

The Commission may claim compensation for any damage suffered and recover any sums paid to the Contractor under the Contract.

On termination the Commission may engage any other contractor to complete the services. The Commission shall be entitled to claim from the Contractor all extra costs incurred in making good and completing the services, without prejudice to any other rights or guarantees it has under the Contract.

ARTICLE II.16 – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Should the Contractor fail to perform his obligations under the Contract within the time limits set by the Contract, then, without prejudice to the Contractor's actual or potential liability incurred in relation to the Contract or to the Commission's right to terminate the Contract, the Commission may decide to impose liquidated damages of 0.2% of the amount specified in Article I.3.1 per calendar day of delay. The Contractor may submit arguments against this decision within thirty days of notification by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or equivalent. In the absence of reaction on his part or of written withdrawal by the Commission within thirty days of the receipt of such arguments, the decision imposing the liquidated damages shall become enforceable. These liquidated damages shall not be imposed where there is provision for interest for late completion. The Commission and the Contractor expressly acknowledge and agree that any sums payable under this Article are in the nature of liquidated damages and not penalties, and represent a reasonable estimate of fair compensation for the losses that may be reasonably anticipated from such failure to perform obligations.

ARTICLE II.17 – CHECKS AND AUDITS

- II.17.1.** Pursuant to Article 142 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, the European Court of Auditors shall be empowered to audit the documents held by the natural or legal persons receiving payments from the budget of the European Communities from signature of the Contract up to five years after payment of the balance.
- II.17.2.** The Commission or an outside body of its choice shall have the same rights as the European Court of Auditors for the purpose of checks and audits limited to compliance with contractual obligations from signature of the Contract up to five years after payment of the balance.
- II.17.3.** In addition, the European Anti Fraud Office may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 and Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 from signature of the Contract up to five years after payment of the balance.

ARTICLE II.18 – AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to the Contract shall be the subject of a written agreement concluded by the contracting parties. An oral agreement shall not be binding on the contracting parties.

ARTICLE II.19 – SUSPENSION OF THE CONTRACT

Without prejudice to the Commission's right to terminate the Contract, the Commission may at any time and for any reason suspend execution of the tasks under the Contract or any part thereof. Suspension shall take effect on the day the Contractor receives notification by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or equivalent, or at a later date where the notification so provides. The Commission may at any time following suspension give notice to the Contractor to resume the work suspended. The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim compensation on account of suspension of the Contract or of part thereof.

SIGNATURES

For the Contractor,
[*Company name*/forename/surname/function]

For the Commission,
[forename/surname/function]

signature[s]: _____

signature[s]: _____

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ANNEX I

Tender Specifications and Monitoring

The purpose of this Annex is to enable the Commission to conduct, throughout the duration of the Contract, an accurate appraisal of whether the Contractor is executing the tasks assigned to him in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

So that the Commission can regularly identify the progress made in execution of the tasks in accordance with the Tender Specifications, appropriate monitoring, assessment, and supervisory procedures shall be set up. For these purposes, this Annex shall include all necessary details, in particular, where relevant, the following:

- (i) schedule of interim and final reports – terms for approval, structure and content (where provision is made for such reports and a specific annex is not necessary);*
- (ii) schedule of audits to be carried out in accordance with Article II.17 of the Contract.*

All details on Monitoring and Reporting are to be indicated and included in the Tender Specifications.

Annexe II - Frais de voyage et de séjour

Indemnités journalières pour les Etats membres de l'Union européenne

Daily allowances for the Member States of the European Union :

DESTINATION		Indemnité Journalière en EUR	Plafond des frais d'hébergement (hôtel) en EUR
FR	EN	Daily allowance in EUR	Maximum hotel price in EUR
Allemagne	Germany	93	115
Autriche	Austria	95	130
Belgique	Belgium	92	140
Bulgarie	Bulgaria	58	169
Chypre	Cyprus	93	145
Danemark	Denmark	120	150
Espagne	Spain	87	125
Estonie	Estonia	71	110
Finlande	Finland	104	140
France	France	95	150
Grèce	Greece	82	140
Hongrie	Hungary	72	150
Irlande	Ireland	104	150
Italie	Italy	95	135
Lettonie	Latvia	66	145
Lituanie	Lithuania	68	115
Luxembourg	Luxembourg	92	145
Malte	Malta	90	115
Pays-Bas	Netherlands	93	170
Pologne	Poland	72	145
Portugal	Portugal	84	120
République tchèque	Czech Republic	75	155
Roumanie	Romania	52	170
Royaume-Uni	United Kingdom	101	175
Slovaquie	Slovakia	80	125
Slovénie	Slovenia	70	110
Suède	Sweden	97	160

Indemnités journalières pour les Etats hors de l'Union européenne (en Euro)

Daily subsistence allowances for countries outside the European Union (in Euro)

DESTINATION		Indemnité Journalière Daily allowance €	Plafond Hôtel Maximum hotel price €
FR	EN		
Afghanistan	Afghanistan	50	75
Afrique du Sud	South Africa	50	145
Albanie	Albania	50	160
Algérie	Algeria	85	85
Andorre*	Andorra*	68,89	126,57
Angola	Angola	105	175
Anguilla	Anguilla	75	140
Antigua et Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda	85	140
Antilles néerlandaises	Netherlands Antilles	90	185
Arabie Saoudite	Saudi Arabia	85	195
Argentine	Argentina	75	210
Arménie	Armenia	70	210
Aruba	Aruba	80	185
Australie	Australia	75	135
Azerbaïdjan	Azerbaijan	70	200
Bahamas	Bahamas	75	115
Bahreïn	Bahrain	80	195
Bangladesh	Bangladesh	50	140
Barbade	Barbados	75	140
Belarus	Belarus	90	135
Belize	Belize	50	135
Bénin	Benin	50	100
Bermudes	Bermuda	70	140
Bhoutan	Bhutan	50	130
Bolivie	Bolivia	50	100
Bonaire	Bonaire	90	185
Bosnie Herzégovine	Bosnia and Herzegovina	65	135
Botswana	Botswana	50	135
Brésil	Brazil	65	180
Brunei	Brunei	60	165
Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	55	90
Burundi	Burundi	50	115
Caïmans, îles	Cayman Islands	60	135

Cambodge	Cambodia	50	115
Cameroun	Cameroon	55	105
Canada	Canada	65	165
Cap-Vert	Cape Verde	50	75
Centrafricaine, Rép	Central African Republic	60	80
Chili	Chile	70	175
Chine	China	55	155
Chypre	Cyprus	50	110
Cisjordanie et Bande de Gaza	West Bank and Gaza Strip	60	110
Colombie	Colombia	50	120
Comores	Comoros	50	85
Congo (Rép. Dém. du)	Congo, Dem. Rep.	105	140
Congo (Rép. du)	Congo	70	115
Cook, îles	Cook Islands	50	135
Corée (Nord), R.P.D.	D.P.R of Korea	50	180
Corée (Sud), Rép. de	Republic of Korea	100	200
Costa Rica	Costa Rica	50	140
Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire	60	130
Croatie	Croatia	60	120
Cuba	Cuba	75	150
Djibouti	Djibouti	65	170
Dominicaine, Rép.	Dominican Republic	60	170
Dominique	Dominica	75	140
Egypte	Egypt	65	140
El Salvador	El Salvador	55	125
Emirats arabes Unis	United Arab Emirates	70	195
Equateur	Ecuador	50	140
Erythrée	Eritrea	50	80
Estonie	Estonia	70	120
Etats-Unis d'Amérique (Autres)	USA (others)	80	200
Etats-Unis d'Amérique (New York)	USA (New York)	100	275
Ethiopie	Ethiopia	50	145
Fidji	Fiji	50	120
Gabon	Gabon	75	115
Gambie	Gambia	50	120
Géorgie	Georgia	80	215
Ghana	Ghana	70	140
Grenade	Grenada	75	140
Guadeloupe	Guadeloupe	65	115
Guam	Guam	60	135

Guatemala	Guatemala	50	125
Guinée équatoriale	Equatorial Guinea	60	85
Guinée, Rép. de	Guinea	50	135
Guinée-Bissau	Guinea-Bissau	50	90
Guyane	Guyana	50	160
Guyane Française	French Guiana	55	140
Haïti	Haiti	65	125
Honduras	Honduras	50	125
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	60	205
Inde	India	50	195
Indonésie	Indonesia	50	145
Indonésie - Timor oriental	Indonesia - East Timor	50	110
Iran, Rép islam	Iran	55	145
Iraq	Iraq	60	85
Islande	Iceland	85	160
Israël	Israel	105	210
Jamaïque	Jamaica	60	170
Japon	Japan	130	275
Jordanie	Jordan	60	135
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	70	175
Kenya	Kenya	60	165
Kirghizistan	Kyrgyzstan	75	180
Kiribati	Kiribati	60	145
Koweït	Kuwait	85	195
Laos	Lao, People's Dem. Rep.	50	145
Lesotho	Lesotho	50	100
Liban	Lebanon	70	190
Liberia	Liberia	85	150
Libye, Jamahiriya ar.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	50	175
Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein	80	95
Macao	Macao	55	95
Macédoine (ARY)	TFYR of Macedonia	50	160
Madagascar	Madagascar	50	105
Malaisie	Malaysia	50	200
Malawi	Malawi	50	165
Maldives	Maldives	50	135
Mali	Mali	60	95
Mariannes du Nord, îles	Northern Mariana Islands	70	135
Maroc	Morocco	75	130
Marshall, îles	Marshall Islands	50	135

Martinique	Martinique	70	110
Maurice, Rép.	Mauritius	60	140
Mauritanie	Mauritania	50	75
Mayotte	Mayotte	50	110
Mexique	Mexico	70	185
Micronésie	Micronesia	55	135
Moldova	Republic of Moldova	80	170
Monaco*	Monaco*	72,58	97,27
Mongolie	Mongolia	70	90
Montserrat	Montserrat	55	140
Mozambique	Mozambique	60	140
Myanmar	Myanmar	50	75
Namibie	Namibia	50	85
Nauru	Nauru	50	135
Népal	Nepal	50	135
Nicaragua	Nicaragua	50	135
Niger	Niger	50	75
Nigeria	Nigeria	50	185
Niue	Niue	50	135
Norvège	Norway	80	140
Nouvelle-Calédonie	New Caledonia	55	135
Nouvelle-Zélande	New Zealand	60	125
Oman	Oman	70	135
Ouganda	Uganda	55	180
Ouzbékistan	Uzbekistan	75	155
Pakistan	Pakistan	50	130
Palau	Palau, Republic of	50	135
Panama	Panama	50	160
Papouasie Nouvelle Guinée	Papua New Guinea	55	135
Paraguay	Paraguay	50	140
Pérou	Peru	75	135
Philippines	Philippines	60	150
Polynésie française	French Polynesia	60	135
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico	65	140
Qatar	Qatar	65	135
Réunion	Reunion	60	90
Russie	Russian Federation	90	275
Rwanda	Rwanda	65	160
Saint Kitts et Nevis	Saint Kitts and Nevis	85	185
Sainte-Lucie	Saint Lucia	75	140
Saint Marin*	San Marino*	60,34	114,33

Saint-Vincent et les Grenadines	St. Vincent and the Grena.	75	190
Salomon, îles	Solomon Islands	50	120
Samoa	Samoa	50	135
Samoa Américaines	American Samoa	70	135
São Tome et Principe	Sao Tome & Principe	60	95
Sénégal	Senegal	65	135
Seychelles	Seychelles	85	140
Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	55	135
Singapour	Singapore	75	150
Somalie	Somalia	50	125
Soudan	Sudan	55	215
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	50	105
St Marteen	St Marteen	90	185
Suisse	Switzerland	80	140
Suriname	Suriname	55	125
Swaziland	Swaziland	50	90
Syrie	Syrian Arab Republic	80	145
Tadjikistan	Tajikistan	75	110
Taiwan, Prov de Chine	Taiwan	55	200
Tanzanie	Tanzania, United Rep. of	50	200
Tchad	Chad	65	145
Thaïlande	Thailand	60	145
Timor oriental	East Timor	50	110
Togo	Togo	60	95
Tokelau, îles	Tokelau Islands	50	135
Tonga	Tonga	50	105
Trinité et Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago	60	115
Tunisie	Tunisia	60	85
Turkménistan	Turkmenistan	80	150
Turks et Caicos, îles	Turks and Caicos Island	55	135
Turquie	Turkey	55	165
Tuvalu	Tuvalu	50	135
Ukraine	Ukraine	80	190
Uruguay	Uruguay	55	160
Vanuatu	Vanuatu	60	110
Vatican*	Vatican*	60,34	114,33
Venezuela	Venezuela	85	125
Vierges, îles (Etats-Unis)	Virgin Islands (USA)	55	140
Vierges, îles (Grande-Bretagne)	Virgin Islands (UK)	75	140
Viêt-Nam	Viet Nam	50	205

Wallis et Futuna îles	Wallis & Futuna Islands	50	135
Yémen	Republic of Yemen	60	165
Yougoslavie, Rép. Féd. (Serbie et Monténégro)	Yugoslavia	80	140
Zambie	Zambia	50	135
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe	50	115
Autres pays	Other country	60	145

* rallié géographiquement aux pays correspondants :
geographically linked to the following countries:

- Andorre/Andorra : Espagne/Spain
- Monaco : France
- Saint Marin/San Marino : Italie/Italy
- Vatican : Italie/Italy

Calcul

Le calcul des **Indemnités journalières (I J)** se fait selon les règles suivantes:

Durée du déplacement:

- inférieure ou égale à 6 heures: frais réels (sur présentation des pièces justificatives).
- plus de 6 heures à 12 heures inclus: 0,5 I J.
- plus de 12 heures à 24 heures inclus: 1 I J.
- plus de 24 heures à 36 heures inclus: 1,5 I J.
- plus de 36 heures à 48 heures inclus: 2 I J.
- plus de 48 heures à 60 heures inclus: 2,5 I J, etc....

Calculation

Daily subsistence allowances are to be calculated as follows:

Length of mission:

- six hours or less: reimbursement of actual expenses (on production of supporting documents);
- more than six hours but not more than twelve hours: half the daily allowance;
- more than twelve hours, but not more than twenty-four hours: the daily allowance;
- more than twenty-four hours but not more than thirty-six hours: one and a half times the daily allowance;
- more than thirty-six hours but not more than forty-eight hours: twice the daily allowance;
- more than forty-eight hours but not more than sixty hours: two and a half times the daily allowance, and so on.