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The below table listing the questions and answers is provided for clarification purposes and is not intended to constitute any corrigendum¹ to the guidelines and its annexes.

Questions and Answers

Call for Proposals European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights Country Based Support Scheme (EIDHR CBSS) Cambodia 2013

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A. General	
Questions	Answers
1) I've tried to follow the links (as advertised in the Cambodia Daily today) to obtain the Guidelines for applicants - but neither link is giving me any more information than has been published in today's publication for call for proposals. Would it be possible to send me a copy of the Guidelines.	1) The guidelines can be found at the following internet address: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online- services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome Search by reference: 134031 The guidelines are in the document 'Tender dossier'
2) The eligibility criteria for the UN agencies is not clear due the following clauses: [be specific types of organizations such as: non-governmental organizations, public sector operators, local authorities, international (intergovernmental) organizations as defined by Article 43 of the Implementing Rules to the EC Financial Regulation. However, in case of a multi-beneficiary grant, an International Organization cannot be the applicant and] (Page 6 of the guidelines)	2) The Contracting Authority cannot express an opinion on the eligibility of an Applicant/Coapplicant. Please refer to section 2.1.1 of the Guidelines: Eligibility of Applicants and Coapplicants, (1) and (2). A multi-beneficiary grant contract is a grant contract signed by several beneficiaries. - one of them is the Applicant (Call for Proposals phase)/Coordinator (if awarded the contract.) - the others are Co-Applicants (Call for Proposals phase)/Co-beneficiaries (if awarded the contract). The beneficiaries in the grant contract are represented by the Coordinator. They are jointly responsible in designing and implementing the action and are assisting the Coordinator. Their costs are eligible.
3) We would highly appreciate your clarification on the following point:	3) 1. yes
1. is this criterion, under 2.1.1. "eligibility criteria" applicable also to international	Either the applicant or at least one of the coapplicants must have its headquarters in Cambodia.

 $^{^{1}}$ A corrigendum notice shall be published when setting out eventual changes to the guidelines for grant applicants

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- · either the applicant or at least one of its partners has its headquarters in Cambodia.
- 2. what it is the exact meaning of the following:
- (...) However, in case of a multi-beneficiary grant, an International Organization cannot be the applicant
- 4) LOT 2: can PwDs (People with Disabilities) also be included as a target marginalized group for this LOT.
- 5) I am writing with a question related to the eligibility criteria for this Call for Proposals, which state that applicants may be "of any country other than those referred to previously, where reciprocal access to their external assistance has been established." However, the guidelines do not provide further information on which countries have established reciprocal access to external assistance with the EU. Where may we locate a full, up-to-date list of countries that have established reciprocal access to their external assistance?

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- 1. If an international organization applies as sole applicant, does the obligation apply to have one's headquarters in Cambodia?
- 2. When a main applicant applies together with a co-applicant and is awarded a project, will both entities sign the grant contract with the EC, or only the main applicant?
- 3. When a main applicant applies together with a co-applicant and is awarded a project, will both entities receive funding from the EC or will the entire grant be transferred to the main applicant who then shares is with the co-applicant according to their internal contract?
- 7) Are U.S. non-profits considered eligible for EIDHR funding? (Recently in Timor-Leste, organizations in such cases like The Asia Foundation were considered eligible, but apparently in other countries we were not.)

2. See answer 2) above

In other words, in the case of a multi-beneficiary grant, an international organisation can only be a coapplicant/ co-beneficiary.

- 4) See section 2.1.4 in the guidelines. People with disabilities can be included as a subgroup of the already defined marginalised groups.
- 5) There is currently no decision of reciprocal access signed by the European Union applicable for this specific call.

A full list of eligible countries under this instrument "Financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (Regulation (EC) N° 1889/2006 of the EP and of the Council of 20 December 2006 - OJ L 386/1 of 29.12.2006)" can be found at the following internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?group

Refer to Annex A2B: "Eligibility programmes 2007-2013"

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- 1. Refer to questions 2 and 3 above
- 2. In the case of a multi-beneficiary contract, the "applicant/coordinator" plays the role of "lead applicant"/"main beneficiary" and gets a mandate from the rest of the co-applicants to:
- submit the proposal on their behalf
- sign the contract on their behalf
- represent them during the execution of the contract and be financially responsible.

Co-applicant(s) must be mentioned in Part B section 4 and sign the Mandate in section 5 of the grant application form.

- 3. The Contracting Authority shall make payments to the bank account of the Coordinator.
- 7) The Contracting Authority cannot express an opinion on the eligibility of an applicant/co-applicant. Please refer to the list of eligible countries under the EIDHR instrument indicated in question 5) above.