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Clarification Note # 1

Request For Proposal (RFP) No. UKR/01/2015 - Provision of Hostile Environment Awareness Trainings for Media Professionals in Ukraine

In accordance with issued RFP No. UKR/01/2015 - Provision of Hostile Environment Awareness Trainings for Media Professionals in Ukraine, the OSCE would like to provide the following clarifications to the RFP Documents:

Question 1: PCU has received requests for clarification regarding two required qualifications, namely, the possession of "relevant licenses or certification to conduct such trainings;" and the "ability to issue internationally recognized training certificate to participants who successfully complete the course."

Answer 1: Regarding licenses and certifications, this is not meant to discourage bidders by creating an artificial barrier, but rather to demonstrate that the training provider is recognized by external bodies as competent. In place of licenses or certifications, a client list may be used to similarly demonstrate such external approval. As well, certificates and licenses held by the trainers may also be responsive.

Regarding the internationally recognized training certificate, Ukrainian journalists have reported that insurance providers require them to produce certificates that they have completed hostile-environment training by a recognized provider, in order to purchase an appropriate policy. The training provider would be required to issue such certificates of completion, to facilitate participants obtaining insurance policies.

Sincerely,

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