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**ENHANCING THE CONTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW TO  
THE STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW IN THE LAO PDR  
PROJECT ID 00045032  
(INTERNATIONAL LAW PROJECT PHASE II)**

**ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT (APR)**

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### I. PROJECT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

<b>Project number and title:</b>	Project ID 00045032 – <i>“Enhancing the Contribution of International Law to the Strengthening the Rule of Law in the Lao PDR”</i>
<b>Executing Agency:</b>	Department of Treaties and Laws (DTL), Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<b>Implementing Partners:</b>	

Project Starting date		Project completion date	
Originally planned	Actual	Originally planned	Current estimate
May 2005	June 2005	April 2008	December 2008

<b>Period covered by this report:</b>	May 2005 – May 2006
<b>Date of tripartite review:</b> <i>[[Indicate if planned or actual]]</i>	12 May 2006 (actual)

Total Budget	Original Budget (US\$)	Latest Signed Revision (US\$)
	USD 1,256,000	NA

Resources	Donor	Amount
	Finland	USD 650,000
	EU	USD 390,000
	UNDP	USD 216,000



## II. PURPOSE

### 1. Main objectives of the project:

1. Increased participation in the international legal framework by the Government of Lao PDR
2. Improved incorporation of international law into the domestic legal system
3. Enhanced implementation, enforcement, monitoring and reporting under international legal instruments
4. Develop national capacities in international law and negotiation

### 2. How the project relates to United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF)?

“UNDAF support:

The UN System remains dedicated to the goal of strengthening institutional structures and administrative and management capacity. In this core governance area, the main UN objectives are: strengthening the legal framework; affirming the National Assembly legislative and political role; **developing the Government’s capacity and institutional memory in relation to signing, ratifying and reporting on treaty obligations**; improving transparency, accountability and operational efficiency; and promoting the role of a civil society.” *emphasis added*. The current UNDAF (draft) 2007-2011 is being finalized, and a much stronger emphasis is being placed in incorporating a rights-based approach. (UNDAF 2001-2006, Part III – Goals and Objectives of the U.N. in the Lao PDR, para D.5)

### 3. How the project aims to support national development goals including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and/or National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP) draft?

**MDGs** - The Project aims to support the MDGs and NSEDP. The Project’s focus – the enhancing of the contribution of international law to the rule of law through the participation in, incorporation, implementation, enforcement and monitoring of the implementation of international legal instruments in the Lao PDR – relates to several aspects of the MDGs. International law and treaties deal with many issues that are essential to good governance, the rule of law and human rights that enable the achievement of equitable poverty alleviation as well as sustainable human development, and hence to progressively realize the MDGs

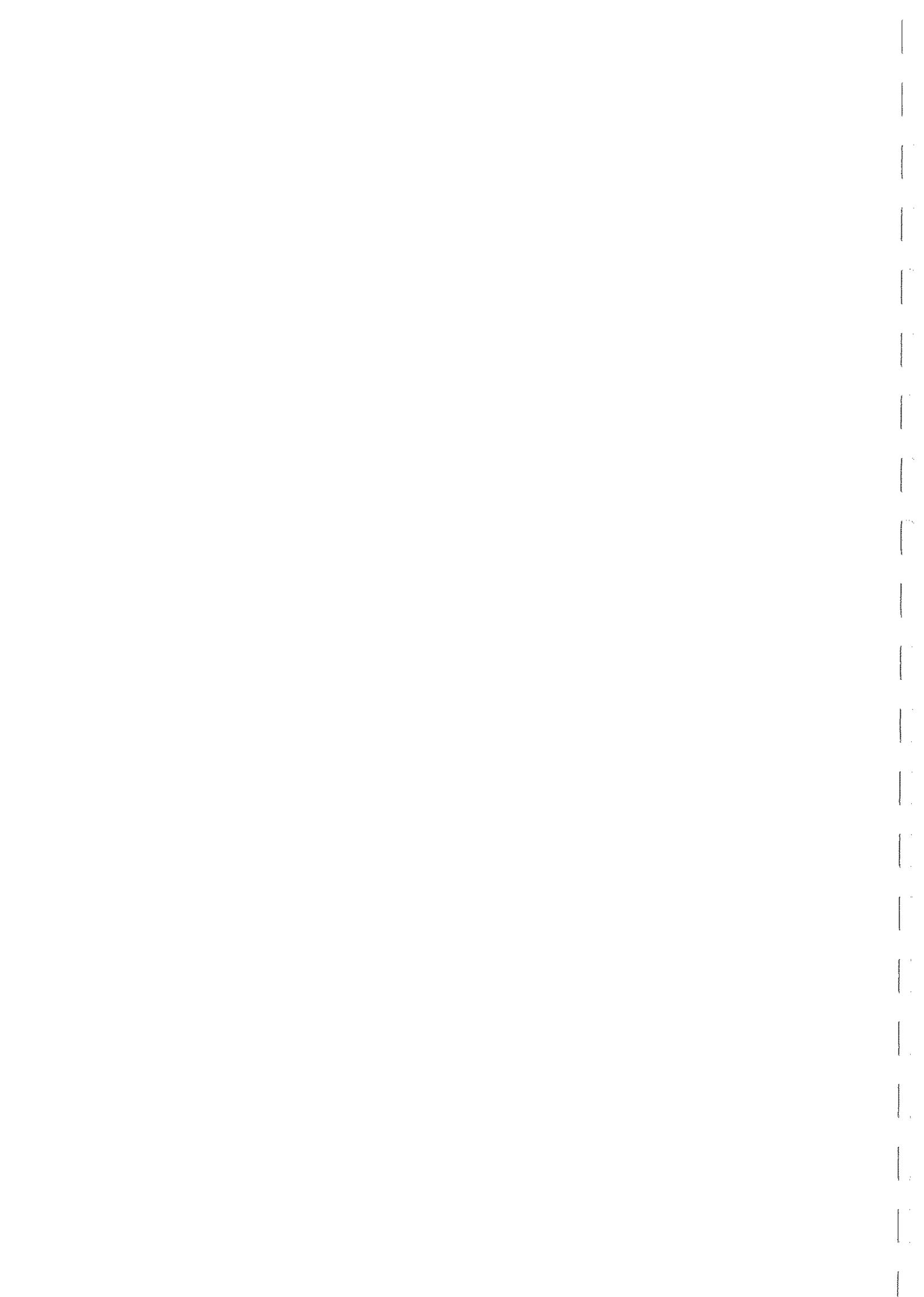
**NSEDP (draft)** – International Law and its nexus to Poverty Eradication is not expressly mentioned in the NSEDP document. The Governance Policy Paper of 2003, however, does refer to the integration of international law into the domestic law of the Lao PDR as an important component of establishing and upholding the rule of law. The project seeks to achieve the national goal of linking the national law of the Lao PDR with the international legal system, focusing on the areas of international law critical to poverty eradication and development and the Project hence forms an indispensable element in strengthening the Rule of Law in the Lao PDR, which in turn creates a favourable and conducive environment for poverty eradication and national growth which are the main aims of the NSEDP document.

### III. PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS

1. Contribution to the strategic goals [SRF related matters to be completed in cooperation with UNDP Programme Analyst]

SRF GOAL:	SRF Sub Goal:	Strategic Area of Support:
1. CREATION OF AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
6. A COHERENT AND EFFECTIVE UN SYSTEM		Strategic leadership of the Resident Coordinator System on the global agenda for development

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<p>1. The improvement of the participation in the international legal framework by the Lao Government;</p> <p>2. The improvement of the incorporation of international law into the domestic legal system ;</p> <p>3. The strengthening of the implementation, enforcement, monitoring and reporting under international legal instruments;</p> <p>4. The development of national capacities in international law and negotiation.</p>	<p>During the period of review, which is the first year of the implementation of this 3 year project, several major and other related project activities were undertaken which have shown good results in support of progressively achieving the four stated Outcomes of the Project.</p> <p>Among such activities are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The workshop on conventions in the filed of land transport has enhanced the capacity of the Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction in the making of proposals to the Government for consideration of accession to transport conventions.</li> <li>- After thorough consideration of the ICCPR and ICESCR, the Government has submitted these important human rights instruments to the National Assembly for consideration of ratification.</li> </ul>	<p>1.1 A Selected GoL Ministry/Agency was assisted to develop skills for advocacy for ratification of treaties.</p>	<p>Ministry of Communications, Transport, Posts and Construction was chosen for this project support. The treaties in the field of transport important to the GoL's efforts to transform the Lao PDR from a landlocked country to a land-linked country were identified for translation and analysis.</p> <p>A Workshop was conducted with the Ministry of Communications, Transport and Posts and other stakeholders on international transport agreements. UNESCAP provided two experts for this Workshop. Follow up activities are underway.</p> <p>In 2006, in addition to the Ministry of Transport, two more ministries/agencies will get similar project assistance: the Ministry of Information and Culture and the State Inspection Committee have been selected to be supported in the consideration of the UN Convention Against Corruption and UNESCO world heritage and other related conventions.</p>	<p>The Transport Conventions Workshop was planned in late 2005 and was postponed, due to the unavailability of experts in this field at that time to assist in the workshop. The selection of 2 more ministries/agencies for the project support in 2006 was not done quickly enough due to the insufficient clarity as regards the priority areas of international law for the Lao PDR at the present stage.</p>

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	<p>-Other institutions in the legal and other sectors benefited from the activities of the project Phase II.</p> <p>- The draft Presidential Ordinance on the Conclusion and Implementation of Treaties has been finalized and submitted to the Government for consideration; once issued by the President, the Ordinance will have the force of law and will govern and regulate the activities of ministries, the Government, the National Assembly in relation to the signing, ratifying, acceding, implementing of international treaties and will solve the problem of possible conflict between the provisions of national law and those of treaties.</p> <p>The Ordinance will provide a very helpful tool and the legal basis for</p>	<p>1.2 Inter-Ministerial National Steering Committee on preparations for ratification of ICCPR and ICESCR was supported towards submitting the relevant proposals.</p>	<p>The Project benefited a great deal from the Human Rights Consultancy conducted in 2004 which came up with the recommendations with regard to the preparations for the ratification and implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, that were signed by the Lao Government in 2000.</p> <p>The Project supported the meetings of the Coordinating Group of the Inter-Ministerial National Steering Committee on preparations for ratification of ICCPR and ICESCR to discuss draft proposals for ratification of the two covenants. These proposals had been prepared by the Department of Treaties and Laws, based on the recommendations of the Human Rights Consultants.</p> <p>The Project organised a Workshop on the experiences of Vietnam and China and other international experiences with regard to the two covenants, in which Vietnamese, Chinese Human Rights Experts and an International Human Rights Expert participated and facilitated.</p>	<p>The proposals for ratification of ICCPR and ICESCR are now with the National Assembly.</p> <p>Since the present legislature of the National Assembly is completing its terms, the proposals will be considered by the 6<sup>th</sup> legislature, elected on 30 April 2006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To further the process, there is a need to conduct workshop for new MPs on the two covenants.</li> <li>- Also, the preparations for the implementation should be seen as an integral component of the legal vision, being developed by the a different project- the PA Project.</li> </ul>

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	<p>effective and enabling procedures for signing, ratifying, acceding to treaties, their incorporation into national law, their implementation, enforcement, monitoring of and reporting on their implementation in the Lao PDR.</p> <p>- The workshop on rights based approach to development and human rights indicators offered a good opportunity for the Lao government officials, including the Women's Union to familiarize themselves with the concepts of these new understandings in human rights law and developed their capacity to apply them to the Lao context (and re the CEDAW requirements assisted the Union in drafting the report).</p> <p>-Capacity of the officials</p>		<p>The Project then supported the meeting of the Inter- Ministerial National Steering Committee on preparations for ratification of ICCPR and ICESCR to consider the said proposals.</p> <p>The proposals for ratification of the two covenants were submitted by the Committee to the GoL for consideration.</p> <p>In December 2005, the GoL approved the proposals and submitted the proposals to the National Assembly for ratification.</p>	

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	<p>of the Department of Treaties and Laws and other departments of MoFA with regard to the use of international law in diplomacy have been upgraded through the provision by the Project of the opportunities for their to participation in the various project workshops , the specific workshop on the use of international law in diplomacy and the short-term- trainings abroad.</p>			

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		<p>1.5 Capacity developed for more effective participation in international law and human rights fora.</p>	<p>The project supported the participation of an officer of the Treaties and Laws Department, MoFA to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly of State Parties of the International Criminal Court, held in The Hague in November 2005.</p> <p>Post participation debriefings on the participation in the ICC meeting were held to share lessons, experiences and new knowledge with officers of the Department of Treaties and Laws, other MoFA departments and others (see also below, provincial workshops and the seminar on use of international law in diplomacy).</p> <p>The Project also provided airfare for one of three Lao delegates who had been invited by ASEM to attend a human rights seminar in Budapest, February 2006.</p>	<p>The late cancellation of the March/April Commission of Human Rights meeting (the new UN Human Rights Council will meet in June) delayed the implementation of the Project activity regarding the attendance of the relevant session in Geneva.</p>

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		<p>1.7. The Government of Lao PDR was supported towards deliberations and discussions on the relevance of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)</p>	<p>The International Law Project phase I received additional funding for ICC activities from the EU through the National Assembly Project</p> <p>To undertake the activities relating ICC, a National Consultant and an International Consultant were recruited. The Consultancy's End of Mission Report was completed and sent to the Project at the beginning of phase II. In the last TPR meeting in May 2005, mention was made of this consultancy. Follow-up activities to this consultancy were not included in the PRODOC, Phase II but have been inserted later in the Annual Project Workplan.</p> <p>In the consultancy during Phase I the following activities were undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workshops on the Rome Statute were designed and pre-workshop documentations were prepared.</li> <li>- Three workshops were conducted. The first workshop was on the concept, the history, the background and the context of the International Criminal Court. The second workshop was on matters</li> </ul>	<p>The ICC consultancy aimed at assisting the GoL to accede to the Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court. The International Criminal Court is a new development in International Law. It is also a new understanding in the Lao society. Given the present level of understanding about ICC among the Lao officers, including the decision makers such as the members of the Government and the National Assembly, a certain period of time is required for further and thorough preparations for the Lao PDR to become a party to the Rome Statute. The decision of the Lao Government to continue the preparations is thus appropriate to the present reality of the country, especially the present stage of its legal system development. It would be desirable that this preparation process for the Lao PDR's accession to ICC involves active participation by all other projects in the legal sector and the National Assembly Project.</p>

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			<p>relating to the Lao PDR's possible accession to the Rome Statute, as well as on the impact of such accession to the Lao PDR's national/municipal laws (e.g. Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law).</p> <p>The third workshop was on the transposition and implementation of the various obligations under the Rome Statute, the Role of the UNSC with regard to ICC, etc..</p> <p>The follow up activities that have so far been undertaken in the Project's Phase II, include the holding a consultative meeting of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on the Study of Rome Statute with a view to discussing the drafting of the proposal for Lao PDR's possible accession to the Statute. The proposal was submitted by MoFA to GoL for consideration. After having considered the proposal, the GoL instructed the MoFA and the Inter-Agency Coordination Group</p>	<p>Also, the teachings of ICC to Law and International Relations students at the faculty of Law and Political Sciences and other higher Education Institutions, including the Police Academy, the Military Academy need to be enhanced.</p> <p>The Inter-Agency Coordination Group on the Study of Rome Statute may not have met frequently enough in order to uphold the momentum gained. The Plan of Action should have further discussion, especially regarding the seeking of additional funding, if necessary, to realize to Plan and timeline of its implementation.</p>

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			<p>to further study the Statute and to continue the preparation for accession, focusing on building capacity of the relevant institutions and raising awareness and understanding of the ICC among the central and local authorities of the Lao PDR. Following this instruction of the GoL, the meeting of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group was held on the drafting of a Plan of Action with regard to the Rome Statute. The Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court in the Lao language is about to be published. This publication aims at dissemination to a wider audience. The theme of ICC has been made a topic of International Law of the workshops recently conducted for the provincial authorities from southern and northern provinces, and it will be included in further workshops.</p> <p>The Project also supported the participation of an officer of the Department of Treaties and Laws, MoFA to participate in the Fourth Session of the ICC Assembly of</p>	

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			<p>State Parties (November 2005). During this Session, the Lao delegates as representatives of an invited State have learned about model legislation for ICC implementation. The Lao delegation also informed the ICCASP of the activities conducted in Laos with donors' support and exchanged information and ideas with the ICC Coalition and representatives of countries from Asia and Africa.</p>	

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		<p>2.1 Finalization of an activity undertaken in Phase I aiming to facilitate the harmonization of domestic law with Human Rights Conventions.</p>	<p>Under the Project's Phase I, nine laws of the Lao PDR( Chapter IV of the Constitution on Fundamental Rights and Duties, Penal Law, Criminal procedure Law, Labour Law, Law on Nationality, Family Law, Law on Property, Law on Inheritance, Contract Law) were studied and analyzed and compared with 4 conventions ( ICCPR, CEDAW, CRC, ICERD). In this comparative study, inconsistencies between the provisions of the Lao PDR laws and the provisions of the conventions were identified and proposals were made for their harmonization. The proposals were disseminated and discussed among the stakeholders. The proposals were to some extent used for the amendment of some related Lao laws during the 5<sup>th</sup> legislature of the National Assembly.</p> <p>Under the Project's Phase II, there is the need to draft the proposals produced in the Project Phase I in a normative form for easy reference and use when it comes to amending the concerned laws of the Lao PDR.</p>	<p>To achieve a good result of the activity, it is necessary that the proposed amendments are duly presented in the plan of legislation of the forthcoming legislature of the National Assembly. It is equally important that the members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the National Assembly, especially the NA Committees' members are provided with the information and explanations regarding the reasoning of the draft amendments. Thus a workshop for the NA members may be needed. Also, good coordination with the Ministry of Justice, which is the core institution in legal drafting, is a condition sine qua non. Since some of the proposed amendments concern the Constitution, it will be a lengthy process, now that the Constitution was amended as recently as 2003. However, the draft amendments would be a good reference and be useful in the consideration by the National Assembly as to the decision making process re ratification of ICCPR and /or ICESCR.</p>

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			<p>For the implementation of this activity an international consultant was recruited. The consultant updated the comparative analysis produced in Phase I and special attention was paid to the recent legislative developments in the Lao PDR, including the amendments that were made to the Constitution, the Criminal Procedure Law and the Criminal Law of the Lao PDR. A workshop was organized to discuss the normative proposals prepared by the consultant (please refer to the End of Mission Report of the Consultant, separately distributed) and a consultation was conducted to seek comments from representatives of the ministries and institutions concerned of the Lao PDR on the draft amendments recommended by the Consultant. The draft amendments are in the process of consideration for being submitted to the Prime Minister's Office for consideration and onward submission to the National Assembly in appropriate time.</p>	

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		<p>2.3 Draft Ordinance on Treaty Making and Implementation and the clarification of the status of international law finalized</p>	<p>A consultation to finalize the draft Ordinance was conducted, co-chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Assembly Law Committee. The final draft Ordinance was submitted to the Prime Minister's Office and will be put on the Agenda of the Lao Government in mid 2006. Once approved by the Government, the draft Ordinance will be submitted to the Standing Committee of the National Assembly and the President of the Lao PDR respectively according to the constitutional process for issuance of a Presidential Ordinance. The draft Ordinance contains provisions, principles and procedures relating to pre-ratification and post-ratification of treaties and also the direct application of treaties in certain cases and the prevalence of treaties over national laws if conflict between the two arises. (Please refer to the draft Ordinance separately distributed).</p>	<p>Clarifying the status of international law in the domestic legal system is a difficult task and involves policy making, involving all the institutions of the Lao PDR, especially those in the legal sector. Therefore, this activity takes some time to be finalized and the Ordinance to be issued. Since the Lao PDR just had general elections of members to the new legislature of the National Assembly, the result of this activity (the issuance of the Ordinance) will probably not emerge as soon as desired as the draft Ordinance first needs to be submitted for consideration by the new Standing Committee of the 6<sup>th</sup> legislature of before it can be submitted to the Lao PDR President for consideration and issuance.</p>

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		<p>3.1. Lao Government assisted to collect, compile and collate data and information relating to the realization of human rights in the Lao PDR, including the implementation of international human rights instruments obliging the Lao PDR.</p>	<p>A national consultant on compiling of human rights information has been recruited, who will assist the Project in designing the utility, content, institutional arrangements, target and scope of this activity. The consultant will also work closely with the project to propose the streamlining of the fulfilment of reporting obligations under the human rights instruments to which Lao PDR is party. Field research for human rights information was conducted in Borikhamxay and Xiengkhouang provinces.</p> <p>A Workshop on Human Rights Indicators( together with Human Rights Based Approach to Development) was organized for some 80+ participants- representatives of line ministries and institutions of the GoL, including the women's union. The Document: <i>Indicators for Human Rights Based Approaches to Development in UNDP Programming: Users' Guide</i>, UNDO Oslo has been translated into the Lao language and duly</p>	<p>The inadequacy of applicants suitable for the position of the national consultant on compiling human rights information delayed the recruitment process and slowed the implementation of this activity.</p>

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			<p>distributed. The question of the streamlining of the reporting obligations of the Lao PDR and the use of human rights indicators for reporting was duly discussed.</p>	

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		<p>3.2 Capacity of Provincial Authorities for enforcement and monitoring of implementation of international law is strengthened.</p>	<p>Two workshops (one in the Xienkhouang and one in Pakse) were organised for the authorities of 11 provinces on selected topics of international law relevant to the provinces. This included basic understanding of international law; legal aspects of border survey and demarcation between the Lao PDR and neighbouring countries; lessons and experiences of some neighbouring countries with regard to the implementation of human rights conventions; the CERD Committee's concluding observations and recommendations on the Lao PDR Report under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; the preparations for ratification of ICCPR and ICESCR; understanding of the ICC, the obligations of the Lao PDR under its Extradition Treaties with foreign countries and other relevant topics. The Workshops greatly enhanced the understanding for and relevance of international law, also on the provincial level.</p>	<p>The other provinces will be served during 2006.</p>

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		<p>3.10 Capacity of applying a rights based approach to development programming is strengthened in concerned ministries, Government institutions</p>	<p>Workshop on Rights Based Approach to Development (together with Human Rights Indicators as mentioned at 3.1). The Document: <i>Frequently Asked Questions on A Human Rights Based Approach to Development Cooperation</i> has been translated into the Lao language and distributed to the Lao Government Officers, attending the RBA workshop.</p> <p>At this workshop, the understanding of RBA was increased and the RBA was duly linked to the MDGs, the Socio-Economic Development Plan of the Lao PDR and the Lao PDR's Human Development Report. The capacity of the workshop participants( 80+) to apply RBA to development programming and to their day-to-day work has been strengthened . The Workshop got support from a UNOHCHR expert from Bangkok.</p>	<p>Follow up activities will be identified and decided.</p>

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		<p>3.14. The Government was assisted in the consideration of the concluding observations and recommendations of ICERD Committee on the Lao PDR's Report under ICERD.</p>	<p>The Project organised a debriefing on the attendance of the ICERD's Meetings in Geneva by the Lao delegation and workshop to discuss the ICERD's Committee's concluding observations and recommendations. Points of concern raised by the ICERD's Committee were discussed and replies were communicated to the Committee in Geneva. Some of the recommendations have been followed-up effectively. For example, Racial Discrimination has been made an offence under the recently amended Penal Law of the Lao PDR. Coordination and cooperation for the writing of the next report due in 2007 were discussed. In addition, the ICERD concluding observations and recommendations were made one of the International Law topics of the provincial workshops as mentioned above at 3.2.</p>	<p>The Human Rights Division of the Department of Treaties and Laws, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is a recently established division which serves as the secretariat to the National Committee for Reporting under ICERD. The division is heavily understaffed which affects the preparations of the answers to the points of concern as raised by the ICERD Committee. However, the answers by the Lao Government were sent to the ICERD Committee within the prescribed time limit (1 year). The Project is requested to support the preparation of the next report of the Lao PDR which should be sent to Geneva in early 2007.</p> <p>There is a need to extensively prepare for the writing of the next report under ICERD for which the recommendations where relevant need to be implemented by the time of the next report. The National Committee on Reporting under ICERD should meet frequently and there is a need to form a working group for drafting the report for submission to the Committee well in time. The lack of staff at the newly established Human Rights Division within the DTL has a negative impact on the progress of preparing for the writing of the next report. Also, there is the need for streamlining the</p>

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				reporting obligations under human rights conventions, obliging the Lao PDR, which would ease the situation (see also above).

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		<p>4.1 Professional skills of staff of MoFA Department of Treaties and Laws was strengthened.</p>	<p>Seminar on Use of International Law in Diplomacy for staff of Department of Treaties and Laws and two other MoFA departments was organised. Talks on selected topics of international law are organised on a regular basis for the staff of the DTL.</p> <p>Staff of the Division of Treaties and Department of Treaties and Laws were supported to go on a study tour on Arbitration in Singapore. A report on the study tour has been duly prepared. The debriefing of the study tour has not yet been scheduled.</p> <p>A study visit to Geneva to study the needs and conditions of the establishment of a Lao PDR's Permanent Mission to UN in Geneva was planned for April but was moved to June 2006 (as it was to be combined with participation at the Human Rights Commission/Council)</p>	<p>The level of knowledge of the DTL officials differ as many DTL officials are new graduates without much international law practical experience compared to the senior officials of the department. Also, the low level of English proficiency of many DTL staff hinder self-study or research by making full use of the opportunities offered by the Project and also of the informational resources in the DTL library.</p> <p>The debriefing on the study tour on Arbitration in Singapore will be organised in conjunction with other related project activity.</p>

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		<p>4.2 Development of the DTL library into an information, resource and research centre for international law, human rights and development</p>	<p>The Project is currently working with the ASEAN Department to explore the possibility of merging the DTL and ASEAN libraries. The idea of which is favoured by the leadership of MoFA.</p> <p>The Project has started publishing a Lao International Law Newsletter.</p> <p>The Project is also composing a Lao Handbook on International Law (focusing on those issues that are of particular relevance to the Lao PDR) which will be made available in both Lao and English languages by the middle of 2007.</p> <p>A mobile library is planned to be piloted in the second quarter of 2006.</p> <p>A number of books have been purchased during this phase of the Project.</p> <p>An additional number of treaties have been translated into the Lao.</p>	<p>The space of the DTL library is so small to develop it further.</p> <p>The librarian who got trained by the Project during Phase I left the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, leaving the library of the DTL without a librarian for almost a year.</p> <p>The Project is in the process of discussing with the ASEAN Department the possibility of merging two libraries and of hiring a librarian from outside if indeed the proposed merger gets a green light from donors.</p> <p>The MoFA has just given a green light for the merger.</p>

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		<p>4.3 The improvement of institutional capacity and expertise in the field of international law by the provision of opportunities for post graduate study and short-term training.</p>	<p>Candidates for the scholarships for post graduate study have been identified. The English language proficiency test has been taken by the candidates. Two candidates are being supported to undergo further English training in the preparation for IELTS. TOR for post graduate study is being developed by the Project.</p> <p>The Project provided the airfare for an officer of the Department of Treaties and Laws, MoFA, to participate in the UNITAR training on International Law in Bangkok and the airfare for an officer of the Department of Europe and Americas, MoFA, to participate in the Diplomacy Training, conducted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany in Berlin.</p> <p>Four MoFA officials of whom 3 from DTL have been selected for the Private International Law course (2) and Public International Law course (2) of the Hague Academy of International Law at the Peace Palace. The applications of the 4 officials have been accepted.</p>	<p>Lack of suitable candidates for post graduate study due mainly to their level of English language proficiency delays the selection of candidates.</p>

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		<p>4.5 Strengthen English Language skills of DTL staff to assist in the performance of official duties.</p>	<p>A number of Officials of DTL and other MoFA departments were given the opportunity to have English Training under the English Language Programme at the Ministry of Justice.</p>	<p>The heavy workload in the DTL makes it very often difficult for some of the DTL staff to undergo effective training and to improve their English language skills.</p>

**2. Update on partnership strategies [Brief update on any achievement and/or problem in partnerships and inter-agency collaboration.]**

In accordance with the PRODOC, a Project Advisory Board(PAB) and a Project Working Group ( PWG) have been established which offer better opportunities for building structured partnerships with key Government agencies.

In the implementing of project activities all relevant ministries and agencies of the Government show sincere interest in and excellent cooperation with the Project is the result.

During the period of review the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the ICCPR and ICESCR and its working groups were supported in the work relating to the two human rights covenants. Also, the Inter-Agency Coordinating Group for the study of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court was supported in its work.

The Project availed itself of the productive and beneficial partnership with UNDP, UNESCAP and OHCHR (Bangkok-based). The Workshop/Seminar on Conventions on International Land Transport and the Workshop/Seminar on Rights Based Approach and Human Rights Indicators benefited greatly of the BKK-based expertise and are good examples of this partnership.

The Singapore Embassy in Vientiane and the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs extended good cooperation in the facilitation of the study tour of the staff of Division of Treaties, DTL, MoFA on arbitration in Singapore.

**3. List main three challenges (at most, if any) experienced during implementation. Note any steps already taken to solve problems. [There may be problems that are generic and not related to any specific output, or that apply to all of them. If the issues have been covered through the table in question 1 above, this section may be left empty.]**

1. The timing of availability of experts for particular activities of the Project did not always match with the timing of planned project activities, which in turn could delay project activities. Also, the limited pool of national consultants could delay project activities.

2. Lack of good coordination in terms of the planning (scheduling) of activities by the projects in the legal sector. Often, the same person (who is a key person in the legal field) from one institution was invited by two or more different projects to their workshops organised at the same time.

3. It was difficult to involve decision-makers of the National Assembly, especially MPs to participate in relevant Project activities (as in many cases, ultimate results of project activities depend on the consideration and decision of the National Assembly e.g. ratification of treaties, incorporation of treaties into domestic law of the Lao PDR, their harmonization etc. )

**4. Recommendations and proposed actions** *[Actions on any matter related to outcome, progress of outputs, and/or partnerships. Corrective measures. Responsibilities.]*

1. Ensure adequate follow up of project activities in order to produce the desired outcome.
2. Make certain that the Project Advisory Board( which includes also Vice Chair of NA the Law Committee) meets at least once a year, preferably at the end of each year to give guidance on more effective coordination in the implementation of project activities.
3. Ensure that priority areas of international law are clearly set on the Government agenda to facilitate the selection of ministries and agencies of the GoL for the project support in terms of participation in the international legal framework.
4. Coordinate the Project activities concerning the legal sector institutions and the National Assembly with their workplans, especially the workplans of their projects.

**5. Describe briefly key lessons learned during the year:** *[Lessons learned from addressing implementation constraints and knowledge gained from evaluations, technical reviews, and studies that have taken place in the course of the year]*

1. The utility of forward planning and the setting of realistic goals/targets in keeping with Project capabilities. Recognize the risks inherent in working with external partner agencies
2. Monthly and Quarterly review of project implementation (by the Project and UNDP) and identification of roadblocks and constraints in a manner that can be addressed and resolved in a timely manner.
3. The Project successfully applied a participatory approach in the planning and implementing of project activities. At the monthly project meeting, concerned stakeholders- coordinating persons of planned workshop for a particular ministry or a particular activity were invited to the monthly project meeting. In particular workshops, in addition to international experts/CTA, senior officers of concerned ministries/institutions were invited to give a presentation on the themes of international law, based on their practical experiences. The project also enjoyed supervision and close guidance from the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that was very helpful to the effective implementation of project activities.

4. Most of the Project accomplishments are also due to relevant staffing like arrival of a CTA and in particular the making available of full time MoFA staff members as Project Manager and Assistant Project Manager.

## 6. Rating on progress towards results

<b>6.1 Outcome:</b> <i>[From table 1. Contribution to Strategic Goals]</i>		
1. Increased participation in international legal framework by the Government of Lao PDR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Positive change Negative change Unchanged
2. Improved incorporation of international law into domestic legal system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Positive change Negative change Unchanged
3. Enhanced implementation, enforcement, monitoring and reporting under international legal instruments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Positive change Negative change Unchanged
4. Developed national capacities in international law and negotiation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Positive change Negative change Unchanged
<b>6.2 Output target:</b> <i>[From table 1. Contribution to Strategic Goals]</i>		
1.1 Selected GoL Ministries/Agencies assisted to develop skills for advocacy for ratification of treaties.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	No Partially Yes
1.2 Inter- Ministerial National Steering Committee on preparations for ratification of ICCPR and ICESCR supported to submit proposal	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Partially Yes
1.5 Capacity developed for more effective in international law and human rights fora.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	No Partially Yes
2.1 Finalization of an activity undertaken in Phase I relating to harmonization of domestic law facilitated.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	No Partially Yes
2.3 Draft Ordinance on Treaty Making and Implementation and the clarification of the status of international law finalized.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Partially Yes
3.1. Lao Government assisted to collect, compile and collate data and information relating to the realization of human rights in the Lao PDR, including the implementation of international human rights instruments obliging the Lao PDR.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	No Partially Yes
3.2 Capacity of Provincial authorities for enforcement and monitoring of implementation of international law is strengthened.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	No Partially Yes
3.10 Capacity of applying a right based approach to	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

development programming is strengthened in concerned ministries, Government institutions	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
3.14. Government assisted in consideration of concluding observations and recommendations of ICERD Committee on the Lao PDR's Report under ICERD.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
4.1 Professional skills of staff of MoFA Department of Treaties and Laws strengthen	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
4.2 Develop library into an information, resource and research centre for international law and human rights initiated	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

#### IV. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE OUTCOME AND/OR OUTPUTS

1. Provide information about any activities undertaken by the project that were NOT envisaged in the work plan but which contributed to the outcome and/or outputs? E.g. advocacy and policy dialogue.

- The project has published the first issue and the special issue of Lao International Law Newsletter that give information on periodic project activities and major events of the project.
- The project regularly holds talks on international law for the staff of the Department of Treaties and Laws and the Office of National Boundary Committee (twice a month, starting from March 2006).
- As follow up activities to the ICC consultancy conducted in the Project Phase I, the activities relating to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court under Project Phase II were inserted into the workplan of the project after the PRODOC was signed. This should be seen as a logical response to the needs of further study of the Rome Statute for the consideration of the Lao Government.
- The Project supported the trip of the DTL Officers, including its Deputy Director General, National Project Director, who were invited to give presentations on international law at a Seminar on Foreign Affairs in Saravan province, which was attended by high level provincial officers, including deputy chiefs of all districts of the province. This event gave a good opportunity for the participants to learn about

international law to apply it in the fulfilment of their everyday duties. The participants also learned about the achievements in the implementation of international law/treaties and the need to implement international law/treaties in the future. This activity well contributed to the Outcomes of the Project.

- The CTA also contributed to the work relating to the development of a Master Plan ( Legal Vision) being developed by the PA Project and contributed to a workshop on human rights organised by the OSPP under Sida support.

## V. FUTURE WORK PLAN

### 1. What are the priority actions planned for the following year to overcome constraints, build on achievements and partnership, and use of the lessons learned during the previous year?

Annual Work Plans for the periods under review were structured in a manner so as to enable close monitoring of implementation. They were regularly updated (at least quarterly) so as to reflect actual performance. The Annual Work Plan for 2006 takes into consideration the fact that the institutions in the legal sector, which are among main stakeholders and beneficiaries of the International Law Project are almost fully engaged in the preparation of the Master Plan in the legal sector. Therefore, many project activities specifically relating to MoJ, OSPP, PSC and also NA are moved to 2007. The Annual Workplan allows MoFA( and the PAB) and UNDP to continue with the process of reviewing, updating and monitoring progress on a regular basis.

### 2. List major adjustments in the strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs planned.

Lessons learned will be incorporated into implementation guidelines that will be adhered to by the Project Management Team during 2006.

### 3. Estimated total budget required for the following year( the whole 2006 AWP):

USD 469. 000

Expenditure June 05-December 05

USD 142, 408.70

Expenditure January 06-April 06

USD 80, 812086

**VI. ANNEXES**

1. Summary: Highlights of the Project achievements and main activities of the Project in 2006/early 2007.
2. Annual Project Workplan 2006

**VII. SEPERATELY DISTRIBUTED DOCUMENTS**

1. Output of the Consultant on the Integration of Selected Laws of the Lao PDR with Selected Human Rights Conventions
2. Draft Presidential Ordinance on the Conclusion and Implementation of Treaties in the Lao PDR

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## Annex 1: SUMMARY

During 2005/2006 most of what had been planned had been duly accomplished.

Highlights: attention to ICC, the Provincial Workshop and the Transportation Seminar, as well as the Seminar on Rights based approach and human rights indicators

Significant progress has been achieved towards the ratification of a number of conventions, including the 1966 Human Rights ones, and it is now hoped that ratification will be decided upon by the new legislature, in place since May 2006. Regard should also be had to the Ordinance on signing/ratifying/implementing international treaties.

Main activities for 2006/7:

- Assistance towards a variety of officials and institutions on
  - o The international legal aspects of corruption, terrorism, money laundering
  - o The international legal aspects of cultural heritage activities
- International Law Forum on *inter alia* Rule of Law with former UN Legal Counsel
- Forum in International Private Law with presence HCCH and representatives from neighbouring countries
- Workshop on the Committee under ICESCR
- Study trips, international law courses for a number of MoFA staff
- Assistance towards the preparation and decision taking on the opening of a permanent mission in Geneva
- Streamlining of reporting under various human rights treaties, and assistance towards the actual reporting
- Lectures, Dissemination, Newsletters, Handbook, Documentation and Information Centre



Lao PDR

### Annual Work Plan 2006

Project Number: INTERNATIONAL LAW 00045032

Project Title: ENHANCING THE CONTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW TO THE STRENGTHENING  
OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE LAO PDR

Expected Outputs	Key Activities	Timeframe 2006				Resp. Partner	Planned Budget													
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Fund	Donor	Budget Description	2006	Total									
<b>OUTCOME 1: INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LAO PDR</b>																				
1.1 Three selected GoL Ministries/Agencies assisted to develop skills for advocacy for ratification of treaties. ( 3 Ministries in 2006: Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction and other two ministries, most probably labour ministry, including Lao trade Union and health ministry)	1.1.1 Conduct consultation with key Ministries and GoL agencies to identify priority areas of treaty based law or individual treaties for consultation.	X	X														73100	Rent	450	450
		X	X														72500	Supplies	100	100
		X	X														74200	Audio Vis	600	600
		X	X														74500	Sundries	150	150
		X	X														74200	Translation	4,500	4,500
		X															74200	Audio Vis	2,500	2,500
		X	X	X	X	X											73100	Rent	3,600	3,600
		X	X	X	X	X											72500	Supplies	300	300
		X	X	X	X	X											74200	Audio Vis	1,200	1,200
		X	X	X	X	X											74500	Sundries	450	450
	X	X	X	X	X											71400	Service Contract	800	800	
	X	X	X	X	X											71200	International	-	-	
	X	X	X	X	X											71600	Travel & DSA	2,100	2,100	

	1.1.5 Follow up activity with each government institution in order that well-documented proposals for ratification are submitted to the PMO.					X		X	73100	Rent	200	200
						X		X	74500	Sundries	200	200
						X		X	72500	Supplies	100	100
						X		X	74200	Audio Vis	200	200
	1.2.1 Support meetings of the IMC on preparation for ratification of the 2 Covenants					X		X	73100	Rent	400	400
						X		X	74200	Translation	600	600
						X		X	72500	Supplies	100	100
						X		X	74200	Audio Vis	500	500
						X		X	73100	Rent	1,200	1,200
						X		X	74200	Translation	400	400
						X		X	72500	Supplies	200	200
						X		X	71600	International Travel & DSA	1,500	1,500
						X		X	74200	Audio Vis	500	500
									74200	Translation	1,500	1,500
									73100	Rent	1,200	1,200
									74200	Translation	400	400
									72500	Supplies	200	200
									71600	International Travel & DSA	1,500	1,500
									71600	Travel & DSA	5,500	5,500
						X		X				
									74200	Translation	1,500	1,500
						X		X	73100	Rent	1,200	1,200
						X		X	74200	Translation	400	400
						X		X	72500	Supplies	200	200
						X		X	71600	International Travel & DSA	1,500	1,500
						X		X	74200	Audio Vis	500	500
									74200	Interpretation	300	300

1.3 Recommend International Instruments relating to Private International Law for consideration and participation by the GoL	1.3.1 Conduct workshop for MoJ, Judiciary and other concerned legal sector institutions on private international law and related international instruments	X							Rent	1,200	1,200	
		X							Supplies	100	100	
		X							Audio Vis	500	500	
		X							Sundries	200	200	
		X							Service Contract	900	900	
		X							Travel & DSA	2,500	2,500	
1.3.2 Prepare priority list of international instruments related to private international law for consideration, with explanatory notes in Lao language, relating to scope, content and advantage(s) of participation in these instruments to the Lao PDR	X								Audio Vis	1,000	1,000	
									Translation	1,000	1,000	
1.3.3 Conduct dissemination workshop with working group for key stakeholders (Outcome of the workshop will be a decision to recommend participation by the Lao PDR and impacts on the legal system)	X								Rent	800	800	
									Sundries	100	100	
									Supplies	100	100	
									Audio Vis	500	500	
1.4 Consensus recommendations regarding ratification priorities are adopted, annual volume of Forum papers and documents is published	1.4.1 Conduct International Law Forum						X		Rent	2,500	2,500	
							X		Supplies	150	150	
							X		Audio Vis	300	300	
							X		Sundries	200	200	
							X		Service Contract	1,000	1,000	
							X		International	2,000	2,000	
							X		Travel & DSA	8,000	8,000	
							X		Translation	1,500	1,500	
							X/ or 2007		Audio Vis		-	
							X/ or 2007		Translation		-	

1.5. Capacity developed for more effective participation in international law and human rights fora	1.5.1 Support participation in key events (See illustrative list of Events and Fora in Annex 3)	X	X	X	X					71600	Travel & DSA	20,000	20,000
	1.5.2 Conduct post participation assessment and dissemination of knowledge gained and make recommendation for the government for follow up and		X	X	X					73100	Rent	1,100	1,100
			X	X	X					74200	Translation	500	500
			X	X	X					72500	Supplies	250	250
			X	X	X					74200	Audio Vis	300	300
1.6.2 Issue biannual Supplementary to Gazette		X		X						74200	Audio Vis	300	300
			X		X					74200	Audio Vis	1,500	1,500
1.7. Support the GoL in its consideration of Rome Statute on ICC	1.7.1 Follow up activities relating to the Rome Statute on ICC (Main activities under ICC were undertaken on Project Phase I and in 2005 under Project Phase II)	X	X	X						73100	Rent	800	800
										74500	Supplies	100	100
										74200	Audio Vis	300	300
										71600	Travel & DSA	2,000	2,000
										74500	Sundries	150	150
									74200	Printing of Rome Statute	5,000	5,000	
												89,200	89,200

**OUTCOME 2: IMPROVED INCORPORATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW INTO THE DOMESTIC LEGAL SYSTEM**

2.1 Finalization of activity undertaken in Phase I relating to harmonization of domestic law facilitated	2.1.1 Inter-agency consultation on the output of Dr. Jayampathy W. on the proposed legislative amendments based on selected HR Conventions.	X								73100	Rent	700	700
		X								72500	Supplies	100	100
		X								74200	Audio Vis	400	400
		X								74500	Sundries	100	100
		X								71400	Translation of the output	1,300	1,300
2.1.2 Draft proposal including possible legislative amendments and submit to the Prime Minister's Office			X							74200	Audio Vis	300	300

2.3 Activities relating to draft Ordinance on Treaty Making and the clarification of the status of international law finalized for consideration by GoL	2.3.1 Based on the outcome of the workshop on the subject matter conducted in Phase one of the Project, conduct an inter-agency consultation, consult among experts, and prepare proposal to PMO.	X	X	X	X					73100	Rent	800	800
		X	X	X	X					72500	Supplies	100	100
		X	X	X	X					74200	Audio Vis	400	400
		X	X	X	X					74500	Sundries	100	100
2.4 Capacity of the Ministry of Justice to develop private international law, the judiciary to apply its principles and the OSPP to monitor its application strengthened (planned in 2007)	2.4.1 Workshop for the Judges/MoJ/OSPP and other concerned institutions on techniques to apply principles of private international law in the Lao PDR	X	X	X	X					74200	Translation of the draft Ordinance into English	300	300
										73100	Rent	-	-
										74200	Audio Vis	-	-
										74500	Sundries	-	-
										71400	Service Contract	-	-
2.4.2 Study tour for DTL Judges/MoJ/OSPP/NA to a selected ASEAN country to review arrangements for application of private international law	2.4.3 Pilot workshop with the Judges/MoJ/OSPP and other concerned institutions on developing guidelines for the application and monitoring of private international law principles in the Lao PDR supported by study tour participants									71600	Travel & DSA	-	-
										73100	Rent	-	-
										72500	Supplies	-	-
										74200	Audio Vis	-	-
										73100	Rent	-	-
										72500	Supplies	-	-
										74200	Audio Vis	-	-
										74500	Sundries	-	-
								71400	Service Contract	-	-		
										4,600	4,600	4,600	

**OUTCOME 3: ENHANCED IMPLEMENTATION, ENFORCEMENT, MONITORING AND REPORTING UNDER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENTS**

3.1 Lao Government assisted to collect, compile and collate data and information relating to the realization of human rights in the Lao PDR including implementation of international human rights instruments obliging the Lao PDR.	3.1.1 Conduct consultation with MFA, bilateral working groups and other concerned institutions regarding the utility, content, institutional arrangements, target and scope of activity.	X							71300	Local	3,000	3,000
		X							73100	Rent	600	600
		X							72500	Supplies	200	200
		X							74200	Audio Vis	500	500
		X							74500	Sundries	100	100
	3.1.2 Workshop for developing indicators for monitoring progressive realization of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights with the Statistics Centre of the CPI and other concerned institutions	X							73100	Rent	200	200
		X							72500	Supplies	200	200
		X							74200	Audio Vis	500	500
									74500	Sundries	100	100
		X										
	3.1.3 Conduct training workshop for those responsible for gathering, collating and presenting information						X		73100	Rent	800	800
							X		72500	Supplies	200	200
							X		74200	Audio Vis	500	500
							X		74500	Sundries	100	100
									71600	Travel & DSA	3,000	3,000
3.1.4 Support field research	X							72800	Information tech			
	X					X		71600	Travel & DSA	3,500	3,500	
3.1.5 Conduct public consultation sessions (3)						X		73100	Rent	400	400	
						X		72500	Supplies	600	600	
						X		74200	Audio Vis	800	800	
						X		74500	Sundries	100	100	

3.2 Capacity of Provincial authorities for enforcement, monitoring of implementation of international law is strengthened	3.2.1 Review of the follow up activities to the two Workshops for selected provincial authorities on implementation and enforcement of the Human Rights Covenants (organized in Oct/Nov 2004 under Phase I) and of continuing needs regarding enforcement, implementation and monitoring of implementation of international law (especially in the five areas of focus of the Project).	X							74200	Audio Vis	200	200					
													X	73100	Rent	2,000	2,000
													X	72500	Supplies	300	300
													X	74200	Audio Vis	1,000	1,000
													X	74500	Sundries	300	300
													X	71600	Travel & DSA	7,000	7,000
3.2 Organisation of two (2) provincial workshops on selected themes and topics of international law.	X								74200	Translation	400	400					
													X	74200	Audio Vis	600	600
3.3 Awareness raising of international law and its contribution to development of the rule of law, human development and poverty reduction	3.2.3 Conduct annual review of provincial workshops their impact and effectiveness.	X							74200	Audio Vis	600	600					
3.3.1 Workshop for key GoL institutions on international law and its contribution to the rule of law, poverty alleviation and development.	3.3.1											planned in 2007					
3.3.2 Conduct feasibility study in consultation with MFA as to the potential, cost effectiveness and viability of website for the Project/MFA	3.3.2	X							72100	Contractual Services	2,000	2,000					

3.3.3 Contract web site						X					72100	Contractual	2,000	2,000
3.3.4 Launch website						X					73100	Rent	500	500
3.3.5 Train MFA personnel for maintenance or contract website maintenance with outs de organization.						X					72100	Contractual Services	3,000	3,000
3.3.6 Relevant documentation compiled, translated and printed		X									74200	Audio Vis	5,000	5,000
3.3.7 CD-ROM created and distributed					X						74200	Audio Vis	1,000	1,000
3.3.8 Materials distributed					X	X	X				72400	Postage & pouch	200	200
3.4 Curriculum of NOSPA relating to IL upgraded and teaching skills strengthened					X						(Funding to be requested from French Project with NOSPA)			
3.4.1 Conduct consultative workshop with NOSPA and related institutions to identify revision of International Law related elements in its curriculum					X						(Funding to be requested from French Project with NOSPA)			
3.4.2 Edit and publish recommendations of workshop; disseminate to all related agencies					X						(Funding to be requested from French Project with NOSPA)			
3.4.3 When new curriculum component is finalized and prior to its application, conduct residential training of trainers workshop for instructors and teachers					X						(Funding to be requested from French Project with NOSPA)			

3.7 Lao Womens' Union, National Commission for Mother and Child and National Committee for Advancement of Women assisted to build capacity to follow up and develop programme for monitoring implementation of CEDAW and CRC	3.7.1 Workshop designed and conducted with the LVU, NCAW, on Treaty Body concluding observations on CEDAW and next steps for monitoring of implementation of international human rights instruments	X								Rent	1,200	1,200
		X								Supplies	150	150
		X								Audio Vis	500	500
		X								Sundries	100	100
		X								International Travel & DAS	1,000	1,000
3.10 Capacity for applying a rights-based approach to development programming is strengthened in concerned Ministries, Government institutions and the administration in a selected Province	3.10.1 Pilot workshop on <i>The UN Common Understanding On HR Based Development Programming</i> and its implication for the Lao PDR (MFA, CPI, Ministry of Finance, NA and PMO) as facilitating poverty alleviation and human development	X								Local Travel & DSA	3,500	3,500
		X								Service Contract	300	300
		X								Rent	700	700
		X								Sundries	100	100
		X								Translation	1,000	1,000
		X								Supplies	300	300
		X								Audio Vis	600	600
		X								DSA and Travel International	500	500
		X								Audio Vis	100	100
			3.11.3 Conduct annual review of their impact and effectiveness.						X			

3.14 Government assisted in consideration of concluding observations of the ICERD Committee on Lao PDR's Report under ICERD	3.14.3 Preparation workshop for writing of next Lao periodic report due in 2007. (The follow up activity to the ICERD Committee's Concluding observations and Recommendations was undertaken in 2005)								x			73100	Rent	400			400
									x			72500	Supplies	200			200
									x			74200	Audio Vis	1,000			1,000
												71400	Service Contract	2,000			2,000
									x								
																54,550	54,550

**OUTCOME 4: DEVELOPED NATIONAL CAPACITIES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND NEGOTIATION**

4.1 Professional skills of staff of MFA's Department of Treaties and Law strengthened	4.1.1 Annual seminar on "Use of international law in diplomacy" for foreign service officers designed and conducted.	x										73100	Rent	400			400	
		x										72500	Supplies	200			200	
		x										74200	Audio Vis	500			500	
		x										74500	Sundries	100			100	
		x										71600	Local Travel & DSA	3,000			3,000	
		x																
		x											73100	Rent	400			400
	4.1.2 Annual workshop on bilateral and multilateral treaty negotiation skills for foreign service officers designed and conducted	x											72500	Supplies	100			100
		x											74200	Audio Vis	800			800
		x											74500	Sundries	100			100
		x											71200	International translation	1,500			1,500
													71400	Service Contract	500			500
											x							400
	4.1.4 Study mission by staff of Treaties Division/ DTL and the Office on Economic Arbitration of MoJ to Thailand on Arbitration.												71600	Travel & DSA	4,500			4,500
										x								

	4.1.5 Briefing to DTL-MFA by returning participants of study mission	X								73100	Rent	400	400		
		X								72500	Supplies	50	50		
		X								74200	Audio Vis	200	200		
		X								74500	Sundries	100	100		
	To be costed with attendance of Commission on Human Rights session in March/ April 2006: Activity 1.5.1)														
4.2 Develop library into an information, resource and research centre for international law and human rights	4.1.6 Study visit to Geneva to study the needs and conditions of the establishment of a Lao PDR's Permanent Mission to UN in Geneva.	X												no cost	
	4.2.1 Based on the recommendations of the documentation specialist (from the Phase I project) and on emerging needs of DTL and the MFA, annual plan (covering 2005 - 2008) for procurement of materials prepared.	X									72500	Publications	3,000	3,000	no cost
	4.2.2 Books and other publications purchased.	X	X	X	X										
	4.2.3 Feasibility of developing separate facilities for library and treaty archive studied and recommendation made in consultation with MFA.	X													
	4.2.4 When additional space is available develop design for separate facilities and support relocation.		X	X	X										3,000
	4.2.5 Composing and Translation of a appropriate text book on international law	X	X	X	X										-

4.3 Institutional capacity and expertise in international law developed by provision of opportunity for post graduate study and short-term training ( Expected output 4.4 moved to 2007)	4.2.6 Continuous translation of treaties obliging Lao PDR which have not already been translated during Project phased I according to prioritized list for translation, including checking the Lao translation of UN Charter	X	X	X	X					74200	Translation	4,500	4,500	
	4.2.7 Publications of the translated treaties and making CDROM		X	X						74200	Audio Vis	10,000	10,000	
	4.2.8 Publication of the Updated List of Multilateral Treaties Lao PDR is party			X	X					74200	Audio Vis	5,000	5,000	
	4.2.9 Conduct a mobile library at various educational institutions and other appropriate places		X			X				74200	Audio Vis	900	900	
	4.3.1 Develop TOR for 3 Masters Degree or higher level of study including applicable terms and conditions to ensure that institutions will benefit from participants' service for a fixed number of years.	X												no cost
	4.3.2 Selection of candidates and application facilitated.	X												

4.5 Strengthen English Language skills of DTL Staff to assist in the performance of official duties	4.3.3 Selected 2 applicants supported to follow postgraduate degree programmes in International Law, starting in 2006								72100	Contractual Services		-
	4.3.4 Support participation in key short programmes on topics of international law and human rights								72100	Contractual Services	40,000	40,000
	4.5.1 Support continued participation in the English Training Project to be developed for the legal sector.								74500	Sundries	2,500	2,500
Costs covered by the separate English Language Training Project												

Project Management	4.5.2 Support DTL staff to take international English proficiency certification examinations	X	X	X	X	X					72100	Contractual Services	800	800
														82,950

Project Management	Programme/Project Support	X	X	X -	X	X					71100	ALD Employee Costs	150,000	150,000	
		X	X	X	X						71400	Contractual services - indiv	30,000	30,000	
		X	X								72200	Equipment and furniture	300	300	
		X									72800	Information tech	3,000	3,000	
		X	X	X	X						72500	Office supplies	3,600	3,600	
		X	X	X	X						72400	Communication	4,100	4,100	
		X	X	X	X						73400	Rental & Maint of equipment	6,000	6,000	
		X	X	X	X						74500	Miscellaneous Expenses	4,800	4,800	
		X	X	X	X						74200	Composing and publication of Project newsletters	2,000	2,000	
		X									74100	Audit	2,400	2,400	
		X									74200	Audio Visual & Print Prod Costs (Translation)	2,500	2,500	
		X		X	X	X					73500	Reimburse - ISS/GMS	29,000	29,000	
														237,700	237,700
														469,000	469,000

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