## **APHR Consultant Notice**

# A. Project Title

Parliamentarians at Risk: Threats and reprisals against opposition MPs in 2022

## B. Background

Globally, parliamentarians' right to freedom of expression is increasingly being restricted and MPs are facing greater risk of reprisals simply for exercising their mandate or freely expressing themselves. Asia follows the same trend. APHR has <u>well documented</u> the increasing threats faced by MPs in the region, particularly those in Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, and Malaysia. In the region, while cases of physical attacks remain rare, governments often resort to politically motivated charges against opposition parliamentarians. Reprisals and threats are not only of a judicial nature. MPs also report facing online harassment, and being the victims of both disinformation campaigns as well as hate speech.

These attacks on MPs have significant consequences; for the individuals themselves who face threats to their right to liberty and physical integrity as well as to society as a whole. Instilling a climate of fear among parliamentarians, such attacks also threaten the very foundation of a healthy democracy and contribute to the shrinking of civic space. For APHR, when Southeast Asian governments end attacks on MPs and ensure they can safely speak and act on behalf of people, power will be checked and balanced and democracy strengthened.

With the publication of the 2020 and 2021 MPs@Risk reports, APHR now has a better regional understanding of the threats and harassment MPs face for carrying out their mandate. To continue its work on the issue, APHR will issue an annual update that aims to report on the status of MPs@Risk in the region in 2022.

#### C. Scope of Work

- Undertake the design and layout of the report for publication based on APHR's existing template and directions.
- Design art works for the report (and use on social media by the team).
- Provide APHR with the version for printing and for online distribution.

#### D. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

Expected deliverables	Timeline
Inception Meeting	14 February 2023

Presentation of initial design and layout	17 February 2023
Comments from APHR Secretariat	20 February 2023
Final report ready for publication in format for printing and for online distribution	24 February 2023

### E. Institutional Arrangement

The consultant will liaise directly with the Programs Coordinator for Democracy and Fundamental Freedoms and Programs Director who will provide the consultant with the final word format of the report, the photos to use in the report, and the template of APHR's report format.

#### F. Duration of Work

Seven days

#### G. Duty Station

Remote

## H. Qualification of the Successful Contractor

- Previous proven experience of conducting the layout of research reports for a broader audience.
- Previous experience of designing art work for report and publication.
- Experience in working with non-governmental organisations on human rights related subjects.

#### I. Recommended Presentation of Offer

Applicants may submit the following requirements to <a href="mailto:procurement@aseanmp.org">procurement@aseanmp.org</a> with subject heading "Layout Report Consultant":

- Cover Letter and personal CV indicating all relevant experience.
- Quotation or proposal
- Portfolio of previous work as required under H.
- Recommendations from partner NGOs.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

APHR is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages qualified candidates off all genders from all nationalities, religious, and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply,

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