



ASEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

APHR Consultancy Notice

A. Project Title

Researcher - 2023 Parliamentarians At Risk Annual Briefer

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: according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, it is the fourth most dangerous region for MPs. 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.

Parliamentarians at Risk is a part of APHR's efforts to document attacks on lawmakers in the Southeast Asian region and to advocate for lawmakers to exercise their mandates free from threats or interference. The report builds on previous reports including *Death Knell for Democracy: Attacks on Lawmakers and the Threat to Cambodia's Institutions (March 2017)*, *In the Crosshairs of the Presidency: Attacks on Opposition Lawmakers in the Philippines (June 2019)*. In 2020, APHR extended the scope of its research and publication to the entire ASEAN region in its report: *Parliamentarians At Risk* and published an updated briefer in 2021 *Parliamentarians at Risk: Reprisals against opposition MPs in Southeast Asia 2021* and 2022 *Parliamentarians at Risk: Reprisals against opposition MPs in Southeast Asia 2022*.

C. Scope of Work

APHR will continue its work on the issue by publishing an annual regional update that aims to report on the status of MPs at risk in the region.

APHR's 2023 Parliamentarians At Risk briefer will review developments or regressions related to the human rights situation of MPs in Southeast Asia. It will analyze trends based on cases compiled from October 2022 to September 2023 and highlight them to understand how the attacks impact them individually and their work, and also how they shape the overall state of human rights and democracy in the country. The briefer will also draw comparisons from earlier years.

APHR is therefore hiring an external consultant to draft the 2023 annual briefer on Parliamentarians at risk. Updates to specific cases will be required and to that extent



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some desk-based research and some interviews with some of the MPs will have to be conducted by the consultant. The report should be in English, about 10/12 pages, written in Times News Roman 11 pt, and present the key findings for the year 2023 as well as highlight individual cases of MPs at risk in the region.

D. Expected Outputs and Deliverables

Expected deliverables	Timeline
Inception Meeting: Presentation of the Project, Sharing of APHR's Findings, etc.	13th November 2023
First Draft of the Briefer	1st December 2023
Final Briefer	20th December 2023

E. Institutional Arrangement

The consultant will liaise closely with APHR's Programs Director and Program Coordinator on Democracy and Fundamental Freedoms. They will provide the consultant with the core of the research findings for the year 2023, as well as contacts for interviews and sources for desk research. They will decide with the consultant on the outline and structure of the briefer before he/she starts writing and remain available at all times for support and coordination. The consultant will report to the Programs Director.

F. Duration of Work

See timeline above. The consultancy will be considered finished once a final briefer has been provided by the consultant and approved by the Programs Director.

G. Duty Station

Remote.

H. Qualification of the Successful Contractor

- Previous experience in conducting research on human rights issues, preferably on restrictions of civic space and/or in liaison with parliamentarians.
- Excellent writing skills for a wide variety of audience as well as proven past record of drafting high quality research and advocacy outputs for publication.
- Fluency both oral and written in English.

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I. Recommended Presentation of Offer

Applicants may submit the following requirements to procurement@aseanmp.org, copy to anjani@aseanmp.org with subject heading “MPs@Risk Consultant” by **8 November 2023**.

- Cover letter (1 page max) including why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment, and a methodology, if applicable, on how they will approach and complete the assignment.
- Personal CV indicating all relevant past experience.
- Writing sample of a briefer or report on a similar issue published for advocacy purposes or for a broad and wide audience (avoid academic publications).

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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