

Advisory for Indian Companies on Fraudulent Activities Misusing the Name of the United Nations

It has come to the notice of the High Commission of India in Nairobi that multiple cases of fraud have been reported in recent months, where individuals falsely claiming to represent the United Nations (UN) and its affiliated agencies have approached Indian companies with fraudulent procurement contracts. Companies are advised to exercise extreme caution when dealing with such offers, particularly those involving international transactions and advance payments.

These fraudulent activities typically involve individuals posing as UN procurement officials, legal representatives, or financial officers. The perpetrators establish credibility through formal-looking documentation and victim companies are then asked to transfer funds under the pretext of performance bonds, administrative fees, or other charges.

Given the increasing number of such cases, Indian companies are strongly advised to:

- Confirm the veracity all such procurement offers through the High Commission of India and official UN communication channels.
- Conduct due diligence to establish credibility of any individuals or organizations involved.
- Avoid making any payments to third-party entities without confirmed authentication.
- Check the guidelines provided at the website of United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM).

If your company has been approached with similar offers, please follow the advice given above, and report the matter to the High Commission of India and appropriate legal authorities.