

“LEAHY VETTING REQUIREMENT”

We must take this opportunity to inform you that any officers from the Ministry of Defense, or any branch of the armed forces, Ministry of Interior, or other armed security forces who might be nominated by your government to join you at this RASR Workshop must first successfully pass “Leahy vetting” as required by the U.S. Department of State, which funds the RASR initiative. This requirement is a U.S. law that was initiated by U.S. Senator Patrick J. Leahy. The vetting seeks to ensure that officers or lower ranking members of any armed security force who will receive training, or who will participate in any function that is funded by the U.S. Department of State must be certified in advance to not have been involved in human rights violations. The Leahy vetting requirement applies to all military personnel and other security services personnel including those from NATO member states, and from neutral states such as Switzerland.

However, the Leahy vetting requirement does not apply to civilian officials.

Therefore, we would appreciate receiving the following data for any military or other security forces officer that your government might elect to send to this Workshop in addition to you. Please provide the name and data to ITF no later than **February 15, 2013**.

FULL NAME: First name/given name _____
Middle name(s) _____
Last/Family name/Patronymic _____
Alias, if any: _____
GENDER: Male _____ Female _____
DATE OF BIRTH: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____
CITIZENSHIP: _____
RANK: _____
BRANCH AND UNIT OF MILITARY OR OTHER SECURITY FORCE:

Of course, there is no obligation for your government to send an officer or other security services official with you. But if your government does choose to do so, then we have only a limited time in which to conduct the Leahy vetting to ensure that this officer can be admitted to the Workshop.