

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL RESIDUAL MECHANISM FOR CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS

Legal Officer, P-3

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS	:	24 June 2021
DATE OF ISSUANCE	:	26 May 2021
OFFICE	:	Office of the Prosecutor
LOCATION	:	The Hague
JOB OPENING NUMBER	:	21-LEG-RMT-155769-R-THE HAGUE (R)

United Nations Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect for Diversity

Organizational setting and Reporting:

This position is located in the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT) (The Hague Branch). The incumbent will work under the direct supervision of the Legal Officer.

*Appointment of the successful candidate to this position will be subject to budgetary approval.

Responsibilities:

The incumbent will perform the following duties:

- Handles a range of issues related to criminal law (substantive, procedural and comparative).
- Conducts extensive legal research and analysis and prepares factual and legal opinions, submissions, reports, correspondence and memoranda on a wide range of international criminal law issues.
- Conducts case-related research and analyzes legal documents and evidence.
- Assist with analysis, legal assessment and organization of evidence.
- Facilitates case-related inquiries for visiting prosecutors and investigators and prepares or assists in the preparation of responses to requests for assistance from national and other requesting authorities and other access requests.
- Supervises searches for particular material and reviews the identified material for the purposes of provision to requesting authorities.
- Contributes to capacity-building initiatives as needed.
- Assists and supports the work of the Arusha Branch as required.
- Provides guidance to more junior staff.
- Performs other functions as directed by the Legal Officer.

Core Competencies:

- **Professionalism:** Knowledge of, and ability to apply, legal principles, concepts and procedures for review, examination, and processing of a range of legal documents and evidence. In-depth knowledge of substantive and procedural criminal law or international criminal law. Knowledge of various legal research sources, including electronic/online research tools, and ability to conduct research and analyze information on a wide range of legal issues. Ability to assess the sufficiency of evidence and develop case theory, including that the evidence addresses potential charging theories, proves the elements of offences and meets legal requirements such as admissibility and reliability. Ability to interpret and apply legal instruments, develop and present results, recommendations, and opinions clearly and concisely. Ability to draft legal documents and analyze evidence under pressure. Discretion and ability to apply sound legal judgment in the context of assignments given. Experience and ability to work well in a multicultural environment. Shows pride in work and in achievements. Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter. Is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results. Is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns. Shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges. Remains calm in stressful situations. Commitment to implementing the goal of gender equality by ensuring the equal participation and full involvement of women and men in all aspects of work.
- **Teamwork –** Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organisational goals. Solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others. Places team agenda before personal agenda. Supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position. Shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.
- **Planning and Organising –** Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies. Identifies priority activities and assignments, adjusts priorities as required. Allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work. Foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning. Monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary. Uses time efficiently.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in law. A first level university degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.

Experience:

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Minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible legal experience in criminal law or international criminal law. Substantial international experience is highly desirable. Previous work in the ICTY, ICTR or IRMCT is required.

Language:

English and French are the working languages of the Mechanism. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English is required. Knowledge of French is desirable. Knowledge of Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian is an asset.

Assessment Method:

There may be an assessment exercise for qualified candidates followed by a competency-based interview.

Special Notice:

The United Nations Secretariat is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance in its staff. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

The appointment is limited to the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. Appointment of the successful candidate on this position will be limited to the initial funding of the post. Extension of the appointment is subject to the extension of the mandate and/or the availability of funds. As the international tribunals are not integrated in the Secretariat, UN Staff Members serve on assignment or secondment from their parent department/office if selected. Appointments of staff members in the United Nations are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General. Staff Members are expected to move periodically to new functions in accordance with established rules and procedures, and may in this context be reassigned by the Secretary-General throughout the Organization based on the changing needs and mandates.

NOTE FOR PREVIOUSLY ROSTERED CANDIDATES

Roster candidates must express their interest and availability for published job openings by submitting an updated PHP and cover letter.

No Fee:

THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS (APPLICATION, INTERVIEW MEETING, PROCESSING, TRAINING OR ANY OTHER FEES). THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH INFORMATION ON BANK ACCOUNTS.

United Nations Considerations

According to article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff is the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. Candidates will not be considered for employment with the United Nations if they have committed violations of international human rights law, violations of international humanitarian law, sexual exploitation or sexual abuse, or crimes other than minor traffic offences, or if there are reasonable grounds to believe that they have been involved in the commission of any of these acts. The term "sexual exploitation" means any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust, for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the sexual exploitation of another. The term "sexual abuse" means the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions.

Due regard will be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible. The United Nations places no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. The United Nations Secretariat is a non-smoking environment.

Applicants are urged to follow carefully all instructions available in the online recruitment platform, inspira. For more detailed guidance, applicants may refer to the Manual for the Applicant, which can be accessed by clicking on "Manuals" hyper-link on the upper right side of the inspira account-holder homepage.

The evaluation of applicants will be conducted on the basis of the information submitted in the application according to the evaluation criteria of the job opening and the applicable internal legislations of the United Nations including the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions of the General Assembly, the Staff Regulations and Rules, administrative issuances and guidelines. Applicants must provide complete and accurate information pertaining to their personal profile and qualifications according to the instructions provided in inspira to be considered for the current job opening. No amendment, addition, deletion, revision or modification shall be made to applications that have been submitted. Candidates under serious consideration for selection will be subject to reference checks to verify the information provided in the application.

Job openings advertised on the Careers Portal will be removed at 11:59 p.m. (New York time) on the deadline date.

HOW TO APPLY:

All applications must be submitted through the UN Inspira portal. The Mechanism is not able to accept applications for this vacancy via email.

Internal applicants may go to <https://inspira.un.org>

External applicants may go to <https://careers.un.org>
