

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL RESIDUAL MECHANISM FOR CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS

Legal Officer (Office of the President), P-3

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS	:	5 January 2023
DATE OF ISSUANCE	:	7 December 2022
OFFICE	:	Registry/ Office of the President
LOCATION	:	The Hague
JOB OPENING NUMBER	:	22-LEG-RMT-196500-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 President at the Hague branch of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. The incumbent will work under the guidance of the President and the Chef de Cabinet and Principal Legal Advisor and will report to the Chef de Cabinet and Principal Legal Advisor. ***Appointment of the successful candidate to this position will be subject to budgetary approval.**

Responsibilities:

Under the guidance of the President and the Chef de Cabinet and Principal Legal Advisor the incumbent will provide specialized legal, policy, administrative, and judicial advice with respect to the President's mandated functions, draft and review orders and decisions, analyse relevant law, rules and policies; draft and review policies, memoranda, reports, press releases, speeches, talking points and correspondence. The duties of the incumbent also include conducting and supervising legal research, particularly on international humanitarian and criminal law; monitoring relevant developments in international law and in the relevant regions of the Mechanism's work; managing diverse workstreams related to the President's mandated functions; assisting the President with the enforcement of sentences, conditions of detention and independent inspections matters arising from both branches of the Mechanism; providing advice and support for any matters pertaining to the press and other external relations matters; representing the President in cross-institutional meetings, on boards, and at ad hoc committees; and providing institutional guidance in conformity with the Mechanism's mandate, including through coordinating with senior officials from other sections and at both branches of the Mechanism.

Core Competencies:

- **Professionalism:** 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. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.
- **Communication –** Speaks and writes clearly and effectively. Listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately. Asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two way communication. Tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience. Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.
- **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.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Advanced university degree in law, preferably with specialization in international, criminal, humanitarian or administrative 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:

Minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible professional legal experience, at either the national or international level, preferably with an emphasis in criminal law, international law, humanitarian law or administrative law. Previous experience in an international criminal tribunal is highly desirable, including detention and enforcement matters.

Language:

English and French are the working languages of the Mechanism. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English is required. Working knowledge of French is highly desirable.

Assessment Method:

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

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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 to this position will be subject to budgetary approval.** 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.

The United Nations is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment of mutual respect. The United Nations recruits and employs staff regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds or disabilities. Reasonable accommodation for applicants with disabilities may be provided to support participation in the recruitment process when requested and indicated in the application.

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, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment, 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. The term “sexual harassment” means any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that might reasonably be expected or be perceived to cause offence or humiliation, when such conduct interferes with work, is made a condition of employment or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment, and when the gravity of the conduct warrants the termination of the perpetrator’s working relationship. Candidates who have committed crimes other than minor traffic offences may not be considered for employment.

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.

The paramount consideration in the appointment, transfer, or promotion of staff shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. By accepting an offer of appointment, United Nations staff members are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General and assignment by him or her to any activities or offices of the United Nations in accordance with staff regulation 1.2 (c). In this context, all internationally recruited staff members shall be required to move periodically to discharge new functions within or across duty stations under conditions established by the Secretary-General.

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.

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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>
