

Job Opening

Job Title: Senior Police Liaison Officer, P-5 (1 Post)

Department/ Office: Department of Peacekeeping Operations

Location: NEW YORK

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

Organizational Setting and Reporting: While this position is administratively located in the Police Division (PD) of the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI), the incumbent reports to the Head of the Integrated Operational Team in the Office of Operations (OO). Both OO and ORLSI are in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO).

Responsibilities: Within delegated authority, the Police Liaison Officer will be responsible for the following duties:

- Provides support to police mandate implementation and law enforcement in peace operations.
- S/he provides advice on peacekeeping mission-specific and operations support issues requiring policy decisions; assists in developing and reviewing Mission Plans and Concepts of Operations for police components of peace operations; reviews the draft report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council and the General Assembly and other related issuances on the police components of peace operations; and, advises, facilitates and coordinates police issues requiring the involvement of Police Contributing Countries (PCCs).
- The incumbent also liaises with other offices within the Secretariat, peacekeeping missions and Permanent Missions of the PCC's within the guidelines of the PD; supports the IOT and the PD in planning and integrating police elements into the development of Concepts of Operations and Operational Plans;
- Supports the PD in evaluating police plans and preparing expert police advice on mission operational matters; advises and facilitates the flow of critical information between DPKO and missions to inform the planning, budget, and implementation processes.
- He/she represents the IOT and PD in selected working groups, task forces and outside meetings; facilitates collaboration between the PD and other field mission

components at the operational level; and, coordinates and integrates activities of police components in the field missions.

Competencies:

Professionalism: Demonstrated competence in police matters at the strategic and command levels; ability to identify issues, formulate opinions and provide recommendations through the use of sound judgment and applying expertise to solve a wide range of problems related to law enforcement; ability to work under pressure; good negotiation skills; knowledge of theories, concepts and approaches relevant to law enforcement, community safety and capacity-building; good research, analytical and problem-solving skills.

Planning and Organizing: 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.

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 audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Leadership: Serves as a role model that other people want to follow; Empowers others to translate vision into results; Is proactive in developing strategies to accomplish objectives; Establishes and maintains relationships with a broad range of people to understand needs and gain support; Anticipates and resolves conflicts by pursuing mutually agreeable solutions; Drives for change and improvement; does not accept the status quo; Shows the courage to take unpopular stands; takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

Vision: Identifies strategic issues, opportunities and risks; clearly communicates links between the Organization's strategy and the work unit's goals; generates and communicates broad and compelling organizational direction, inspiring others to pursue that same direction; conveys enthusiasm about future possibilities.

Qualifications:

Education: Advanced university degree (Master's Degree or equivalent) in Criminal Justice, Law or Political Science or other related field. A first level university degree with a combination of relevant academic qualifications and experience in police and peacekeeping may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Graduation from a police academy or similar law enforcement training institution is required.

Experience: Must be a senior professional police officer on active duty with the rank of Deputy Commissioner, Chief Superintendent or rank equivalent to full Colonel level. A minimum of 10 years of progressively responsible experience in police

service, including experience at the command level, and experience in national law enforcement and police policy-making in the field and headquarters, experience in strategic and operational police management. Police training experience is desirable. Experience in UN peacekeeping, UNHQ, or similar international organization is desirable.

Language: English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For this post, fluency in English (both oral and written) is required. Knowledge of a second official UN language, preferably French, is desirable.

Assessment Method: Kindly note that you may, as part of the evaluation of your application for this position, be requested to undergo written knowledge-based assessment exercises, which may be followed by a competency-based interview depending on the result of the test.

Special Notice: Circulation of this Job Opening is limited to Member States. Only serving police officers who have received authorization by their National Authorities to apply for this Job Opening will be considered. Appointments are limited to service on posts reserved for active police officers who serve on secondment financed by the support account of peacekeeping operations.