

United Nations Nations Unies

Job Title : Military Liaison Officer, P-4
Department / Office : Integrated Operational Teams
Duty station : NEW YORK
Posting period : 03/03/2023 - 02/06/2023
Job Opening Number : DPO/SEC23-1 OMA/P-4/11

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

Organizational Setting and Reporting :

The position is located in the Integrated Operational Team, Regional Divisions, Department of Peace Operations, and the incumbent will report to the Senior Military Liaison Officer.

Responsibilities :

The incumbent serves as Military Liaison Officer within the IOT and will be responsible for the following duties:

- Follow-up on all military issues as requested by the IOT leader or other components of the IOT, through the SMLO, and liaise as necessary with the relevant Services in the Office of Military Affairs following guidelines set by that Office to ensure that the input and advice provided are approved by the Military Adviser.
- Maintain day-to-day contact with the military counterparts in field Mission(s), which the IOT is responsible for, in order to follow and report on developments of military matters.
- Assist in the development and integration of military requirements for missions, including the development of military concept of operations and strategic and operational plans.
- Prepare expert military advice on operational matters for the peacekeeping missions and coordinate issues concerning the troop-contributing countries between the integrated operational teams, the Office of Military Affairs, the Department of Operational Support and the Department of Peace Operations.
- Prepare and analyse periodic management reports, technical reports, briefings and deliver informal and formal presentations.
- Prepare talking points, speeches, and take notes while accompanying the Military Adviser and other senior officials attending high level meetings.
- Undertake these or similar duties anywhere within UN Headquarters as well as in field missions including deployment to the missions for up to 90 days.

Competencies :

Professionalism: Professional competence and knowledge of theories and concepts relevant to military planning at the strategic and operational level. Knowledge of international affairs and understanding of peace operations. General knowledge of United Nations peacekeeping operations. Proven research, analytical and evaluative skills, and ability to conduct independent research i.e. gather all relevant information, analyse, identify issues, formulate concepts and options and make conclusions and recommendations. Ability to provide sound military advice. Ability to work under pressure. Ability to liaise and coordinate with different internal and external entities. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women.

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.

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational 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 joining responsibility for team shortcomings

Qualifications :

Education: Graduate of military command and staff college is required. A first level university degree in Political Science, History, International Relations or related field is desirable.

Experience: A minimum of seven years of progressively responsible experience in military profession is required. Applicant must be an active service military officer in the rank of Army Lieutenant Colonel or equivalent in other services. Strategic operational experience at the staff level is required. Military liaison experience with civilian counterparts in other national or international Governmental entities at Headquarters/field level or above is required. Experience at briefing both civilian authorities and military general officers is desirable. Operational experience as a member of a peacekeeping/peace enforcement/peace support mission is required. Qualifying years of experience are calculated following the graduation from the national military/defence college or academy.

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

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 or technical assessment exercises, which may be followed by a competency-based interview depending on the result of the written test.

Special Notice :

Circulation of this Job Opening is limited to Member States. Only active-duty military officers currently employed in their national service and who have received authorization by their National Authorities to apply for this Job Opening will be considered. Appointment is limited to service within the Department of Peace Operations on posts financed by the support account for peace operations requiring active military service. It should be noted that successful candidates will be offered a two year Fixed-Term appointment which, based on performance and operational needs, may be extended to a third year or in exceptional circumstances to a fourth and final year.

Currently serving active-duty seconded military officers are not eligible to apply or be nominated for new seconded positions until separated for at least one year from any last secondment with the UN Secretariat.

Nominations of women candidates are strongly encouraged.