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Job Title : Military Liaison Officer, P-4

Department / Office : Integrated Operational Teams

Duty station : NEW YORK

Posting period : 29/05/2024 - 28/08/2024

Job Opening Number : DPO/SEC2401OMA/P-4/12

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 Deputy Director heading the IOT.

Responsibilities :

The incumbent 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 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.
- Perform other related duties as required.
- 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 and management of complex peace operations at the strategic and operational level. Knowledge of international affairs and understanding of peace operations. General knowledge of the United Nations system and 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, including analysis of military and security issues. 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: Graduation from National Command and Staff College is required. Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in military science, political science, international relations, international economics, law, public administration, or related field is required. A first-level university degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) with a relevant combination of academic qualifications and two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Experience:

A minimum of seven (7) years of progressively responsible experience in military profession is required. Qualifying years of experience are calculated following the graduation from the national military/defense college or academy. Applicant must be an active service military officer in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel is required equivalent in other services for at least one year.

Staff experience at the operational or strategic level is required.

Experience in preparing and analyzing periodical management reports, technical reports, briefings, and delivering informal and formal presentations is required.

Experience in developing and advising on military strategic and operational concepts and plans 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.

Experience in policy writing at the strategic level is desirable.

Deployment to at least one recent United Nations Peace Operation or equivalent for a minimum period of one year required. A recent experience in UN Peace Operation in Africa is highly desirable.

Experience in command at the Battalion/Regimental level is desirable.

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, as part of the evaluation of your application for this position, will 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 the Member States of the United Nations. Only military officers who are currently employed in their national military service and who have received authorization from their respective national authority to apply for this Job Opening will be considered.

The Appointment is limited to service within the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) on posts financed under the peacekeeping support account requiring active military service. It should be noted that during the period of their secondment to the UN, military officers cannot be reassigned or transferred to any other position in the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) or other parts of the UN Secretariat. Successful candidates will be offered a two-year fixed-term appointment which, based on performance and operational needs, may be extended for a third year or, in exceptional circumstances, a fourth and final year.

Currently serving seconded active-duty officers under a UN contract are not eligible to apply or be nominated for another seconded officer position until after at least one year of separation from their last secondment on a contract with the UN Secretariat. As a result, nominations of currently serving seconded active-duty military officers under a UN contract will not be considered.

Nominations from women candidates are strongly encouraged.