



Job Title : Senior Military Liaison Officer, P-5

Department / Office : Integrated Operational Teams

Duty station : NEW YORK

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

Job Opening Number : DPO/SEC2401OMA/P-5/05

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 Head of the Integrated Operational Team (IOT).

Responsibilities :

The incumbent will be responsible for the following duties:

- Serve as the primary contact to and for the military component of the field mission(s) within the responsibility of the IOT in question concerning all military issues related to planning, force generation, military personnel and current operations.
- Advise, facilitate and coordinate military issues requiring the involvement of troop-contributing countries and establish and maintain effective liaison with other units within the Secretariat, the field missions supported by the DPO and the Permanent Mission of the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations within the guidelines set by the Military Adviser and his/her immediate staff.
- Support the IOT and the Office of Military Affairs in planning and integrating military concepts and advice into the development of strategic and operational estimates, military-strategic concepts of operations and operational plans for missions and prepares expert military advice on related operational matters to the Principal Officers of the IOT.
- Support the IOT and the Office of Military Affairs in the development of military advice for submission to the Department of Operational Support and for results-based budgeting outputs for missions.
- Monitor the activities of the military component of the IOT, and carry out proper liaison and coordination between the IOT and the Office of Military Affairs at headquarters to ensure that the input and advice they provide to the IOT are approved by the Office of Military Affairs and follow general guidelines set for him/her by the Military Adviser.
- 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 Official 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: Possess expertise in the area of appointment, ability to evaluate international political situations; ability to complete in-depth studies and to formulate conclusions; conceptual and analytical skills leading to formulation of policy recommendations; knowledge of the United Nations system, particularly its role in peace operations, a thorough knowledge of mandates, policies and guidelines related to peace operations; expertise in the planning and management of complex peacekeeping operations and an in-depth understanding of their operational, political and procedural aspects; ability to thoroughly analyze and evaluate critical matters pertaining to a broad spectrum of military issues/problems; ability to advise senior officials on approaches and techniques to address complex/sensitive issues; strong negotiating skills and ability to influence others to reach agreement on difficult issues; understanding of military issues related to political, economic, social and human rights programmes in mission areas; ability to work under pressure . Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

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.

Leadership: Is proactive in developing strategies to accomplish objectives. Anticipates and resolves conflicts by pursuing mutually agreeable solutions. Establishes and maintains relationships with a broad range of people to understand needs and gain support. Provides leadership and takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work; demonstrates knowledge of strategies and commitment to the goal of gender balance in staffing.

Judgment/Decision-making: Identifies the key issues in a complex situation, and comes to the heart of the problem quickly. Proposes a course of action or makes a recommendation based on all available information. Determines that the actions proposed will satisfy the expressed and underlying needs for the decision.

Qualifications :

Education: Graduation from a National War/Defense College in addition to 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 ten (10) 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 Colonel or equivalent in other services for at least one year.

Experience in preparing expert military advice on related operational matters is required.

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

Deployment to at least one recent United Nations Peace Operation for a minimum period of one year is required.

Staff experience at the operational and strategic headquarters or equivalent is required.

Languages: English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the position(s) advertised, fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another official United Nations 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 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.