

Job Title: Senior Military Liaison Officer, P-5
Department/Office: OMA/OASG/Integrated Operational Team
Location: NEW YORK
Posting Period: 07/07/2017 - 05/10/2017
Job Opening number: DPKO/SEC1701/P-5/01

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

Organizational Setting and Reporting:

The position is located in the Integrated Operational Team, Office of Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operation, and the incumbent will report to the Head of the Integrated Operational Team (IOT).

Responsibilities:

The Senior Military Liaison Officer 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 DPKO 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 Principle 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 Field 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;
- 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: Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; ability to evaluate international political situations and military issues; ability to complete in depth studies and to formulate conclusions; possesses conceptual and analytical skills leading to formulation of policy recommendations; knowledge of the United Nations system, particularly its role in peace operations and a thorough knowledge of mandates, policies and guidelines related to peace operations; in-depth understanding of operational, political and procedural aspects of complex peacekeeping operations; ability to thoroughly analyse 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 .

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.

Qualification:

Education: Graduate of a National Command and Staff College or National War/Defence College is required. Additional degree in Military Affairs, Political Science or related fields is desirable. Additional degree in Military Affairs, Political Science or related fields is desirable.

Experience: A minimum of ten years of progressively responsible experience in military profession is required. Applicant must be an active service military officer in the rank of Army, full Colonel or equivalent in other Services, with at least two years service at the current rank. Command experience at the battalion/regimental or equivalent level and staff experience at the Ministry of Defence level or equivalent is required. Deployment to United Nations peacekeeping operation is highly desirable. Staff experience in an international headquarters is desirable. Qualifying years of experience are calculated following the graduation from the national military/defence staff college.

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 French is highly desirable. 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 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 military officers who have received authorization by their National Authorities to apply for this Job Opening will be considered. Appointment is limited to service on posts financed by the support account for peacekeeping operations requiring active military service.