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Deadline For Application: 28 December 2011

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Legal Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Office of the Legal Counsel, LEGD	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: three years
	Legal and Ethics Office, LEG	POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1G02

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Legal Counsel and the technical guidance of the Principal Legal Officer, but with considerable initiative and autonomy in the programming and the implementation of the activities assigned, the incumbent will:

- provide advice on legal issues of a very complex nature on a routine basis in areas of public international law, constitutional and administrative law;
- carry out research with regard to any matter or problem which the Legal Counsel or Principal Legal Officer may be called upon to deal with in the field of public international law, constitutional, administrative law or penal law;
- prepare as required, legal opinions, reports, memoranda and correspondence on matters falling within the above fields, as well as material for discussion at the Conference, Council, CCLM and other organs of the Organization or required for meetings convened or serviced by the Organization;
- give legal interpretations on a full range of legal issues regarding the FAO Constitution, General Rules of the Organization, Financial Regulations, Staff Regulations, and other basic texts as well as of the statutes and rules of procedure of FAO subsidiary bodies;
- provide legal advice and prepare working papers, notes and reports for committees and commissions concerned with legal matters;
- review legal issues involved in personnel matters and prepare briefs for the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization and other similar fora, as required;
- draft texts of international conventions, bilateral agreements, contracts and resolutions and study legal questions arising out of the interpretation or application of conventions and agreements;
- review the legal aspects of draft letters and agreements and other texts referred to the Legal Office for comments or clearance;
- provide guidance to more junior legal officers;
- perform other related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in law
- Ten years of progressively responsible professional experience in work of a legal character
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent of knowledge and relevant legal experience in the field of public international law, constitutional and administrative law
- Ability to conduct legal research, analyses and studies in the field of public international law, constitutional, administrative or private law
- Extent of knowledge of, and experience in legal issues relating to activities conducted within the UN Common System and its partners (private and public sector)
- Extent and relevance of experience in handling appeals before international administrative tribunals and similar fora
- Demonstrated proficiency in drafting clearly and concisely, and reviewing legal texts, legal documents, reports and international agreements

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

** The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments*

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and complete the on-line application

In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections

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