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Deadline For Application: 21 September 2011

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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Legal Officer</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-3</b>
		DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Development Law Service, LEGN</b>	DURATION *:	<b>Fixed Term: 3 years</b>
	Legal and Ethics Office, LEG	POST CODE/N°:	<b>0012041</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1G02</b>

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

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#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Under the overall guidance of the Chief, LEGN, and the supervision of a designated Legal Officer, the incumbent will provide support in legal activities, research and related issues pertaining to the Organization's activities and mandates in relation to the management of agricultural and other renewable natural resources. In particular, the incumbent will:

- advise Member Governments on the legal and institutional aspects of the management of agricultural and other renewable natural resources;
- contribute to the preparation and implementation of field projects in the above-mentioned areas of work;
- conduct advisory missions in connection with field projects;
- provide FAO technical divisions with advice, information and assistance on the above-mentioned fields of development law;
- draft recommended texts of laws, regulations and other legal instruments as required;
- carry out legal research and analysis, select and summarize legal texts for recording and publication;
- respond to requests for information on national and international law in the above-mentioned areas of work;
- participate, as required, in working groups, meetings, seminars and conferences;
- perform other related duties as required.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- University Degree in Law
- Five years of relevant experience in legal work in the field of food and agriculture, natural resources or development law
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Russian, Arabic or Chinese

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent of knowledge and experience of food and agricultural and other renewable natural resources legislation
- Ability to carry out legal research and analysis
- Ability to write clear and concise reports and to draft legal texts
- Ability to draft legislative and regulatory instruments and/or legal documents
- Extent of experience in different legal systems
- Extent of knowledge of and relevance of experience in implementing technical assistance projects related to national legislation for plant and animal health and food safety
- Extent of experience in developing countries

*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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#### REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

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#### TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants**

Send your application to:

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