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POSITION TITLE:	Legal Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Development Law Service, LEGN	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
	Legal and Ethics Office, LEG	POST CODE/N°:	0012009
		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 guidance of the Chief, LEGN, the incumbent will cover the legal and institutional aspects of food and nutrition security and related access to and management of natural resources. In particular, the incumbent will:

- advise FAO Members on how to address their legal and institutional needs for ensuring food and nutrition security and enhancing related access to and the management of natural resources;
- conduct and supervise the planning operation of field projects and the selection/supervision of consultants;
- conduct advisory missions involving the most complex, sensitive and novel legal issues;
- prepare recommended texts of laws, regulations and other legal instruments;
- provide FAO technical divisions with advice, information and assistance on the legal and institutional aspects of food and nutrition security and related access to and management of natural resources;
- carry out legal research and initiate, review and compile legal studies and prepare them for publication;
- respond to requests for information on national and international law relating to the legal and institutional aspects of food and nutrition security and related access to and management of natural resources;
- analyse, select and summarize legal texts for recording and publication;
- participate as required in working groups, meetings, seminars and conferences;
- provide guidance to other legal officers on the most complex legal issues as required;
- provide training and guidance to trainees;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University Degree in law
- Seven years of relevant experience in legal work in the field of natural resources or development law relating to food and nutrition security and related access to and management of natural resources and implementation in national legislation
- 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 and depth of knowledge of the various aspects of food and nutrition security and implementation in national legislation as well as related access to and management of natural resources
- Ability to draft legislative and regulatory instruments and/or legal documents
- Extent of experience in developing countries and in different legal systems
- Extent of knowledge of and relevance of experience in the administration of field projects related to national legislation, with emphasis on food and nutrition security and related access to natural resources
- Extent of experience with related technical bodies and extent of networks within their fields of activity
- Extent and relevance of publications written, supervised, edited or otherwise contributed to
- Ability to write clear and concise reports and to draft legal texts
- Ability to carry out legal research and analyses

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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