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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Member State to the United Nations and has the honor to refer to the requirement for the services of Police Officers in active service. In this regard, the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) is seeking the nomination of candidates for appointment on secondment to the United Nations Mission within the Police Division Standing Police Capacity (SPC) in Brindisi for an initial period of one year with a possibility of extension in that position for a second and third year. In exceptional circumstances, the secondment to the positions may be extended for a fourth year, but not longer. Posts are available through the issuance of the following Job Openings: 2025-SPC-75918-DPO, 2025-SPC-75909-DPO and 2025-SPC-75910-DPO posted on 4 June 2025. The closing date for the Job Openings is 30 August 2025.

The nomination procedures together with all forms to be completed are included in this package. It is kindly requested that all documentation be submitted electronically to the Selection and Recruitment Section (SRS) to the following email address: [oschepkov@un.org](mailto:oschepkov@un.org).

Applications received after the deadline specified on the Job Opening will not be accepted.

In as much as the posts require the expertise of police officers in active service, the Permanent Mission of Member State is kindly requested to confirm that selected candidate(s) will be released, in a timely manner, from their national police service obligations for service with the United Nations. The Permanent Mission of Member State is also requested to ensure that the rank of each candidate submitted is clearly indicated on the application.

In addition, it is strongly recommended that the Permanent Mission of Member State carefully submits only those candidates meeting all requirements for the positions as described in the Job Opening.

The United Nations Secretariat would like to inform the Permanent Mission of Member State that in an effort to streamline and expedite the procedures of recruiting seconded officers, candidates approved for placement in the roster, may be selected for positions with similar functions (same functional title and level), without a new Job Opening being issued. Candidates shall be retained in the roster for a period of two years after the first day of the month following the selection decision by the Head of the Department.

It should be noted that during their secondment to the United Nations, police personnel are not eligible for reassignment or transfer to any other seconded position within the peace operations or the UN Secretariat. Active-duty seconded personnel may serve under a UN staff contract for a period of up to three years (cumulative), which, in exceptional cases, can be extended for a fourth and final year subject to operational needs and satisfactory performance. This service limit includes periods of any prior services with the United Nations as an active-duty seconded officer under a UN staff contract.

Candidates who have previously served as active-duty seconded personnel may reapply after a break in service of at least one year from their last secondment under a UN staff contract, subject to the contract limitation as indicated above.

Nominations of currently serving active-duty seconded police personnel on a UN staff contract will not be considered.

Candidates must meet all the requirements of the Job Opening at the time of nomination in order to be considered for the position.

Nomination of women candidates is strongly encouraged.

The Secretariat wishes to reiterate that promoting and encouraging respect for human rights is a

core purpose of the United Nations and central to the delivery of its mandates. Should the Secretariat become aware of grave human rights violations which give rise to concerns as to the record and performance of [country] police personnel, this may constitute grounds to revoke its acceptance of such personnel to serve in UN peace operations. In the case of nominees who have been investigated for, charged with or prosecuted for any criminal offence, with the exception of minor traffic violations (driving while intoxicated or dangerous or careless driving are not considered minor traffic violations for this purpose), but were not convicted, the Government is requested to provide information regarding the investigation(s) or prosecutions concerned. The Government is also requested to certify that it is not aware of any allegations against its nominated candidates that they have committed or been involved, by act or omission, in the commission of any acts that may amount to violations of international human rights law or international humanitarian law.

The Secretariat recalls that it has a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and corruption. The Government is therefore requested to certify that there was no corruption or fraud in the nomination and extension procedures of police officers on secondment to the United Nations. Should the Secretariat become aware of allegations of corruption or fraud in the nomination or extension procedures of police officers on secondment, this may constitute grounds to revoke its acceptance of such personnel to serve in the United Nations as well as suspension of any future police deployments from the contributing country concerned.

The United Nations Secretariat would like to avail of this opportunity to inform the Permanent Mission of Member State that staff members are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General and thereby are subject to the United Nations Staff Regulations and Staff Rules. In this context your attention is drawn to Staff Regulation 1.2 (j), whereby “[n]o staff member shall accept any honor, decoration, favor, gift or remuneration from any Government”.

The Permanent Mission of Member State is encouraged to nominate qualified women candidates.

This request is being transmitted to all Member States.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Member State to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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