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<h3>JPO in Counter-Terrorism</h3>		
<i>Junior Professional Officer (JPO), Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)</i>		Closing date 18 May 2022 6 pm EST
<u>Vacancy Announcement # 20P101</u>		
I General information		
Title:	JPO in Counter-Terrorism	
Sector of Assignment:	Legal Affairs	
Country:	USA	
Location (City):	New York	
Agency:	United Nations Secretariat / Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)	
Duration of Assignment:	Initially 1 year (with possible extension for another year)	
Grade:	P2 step 1 in the first year	
Note: This post is opened in the context of the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) scheme sponsored by the United States of America and is addressed to persons with U.S. citizenship.		
II Duties, responsibilities and Output Expectations		
The selected JPO will:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support CTED Section A, which has geographical responsibility for Asia and the Americas, in analysing the status of implementation of UN Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2129 (2013), 2178 (2014), 2395 (2017), 2396 (2017), 2617 (2021) and other relevant resolutions with respect to assigned Member States concerning the global fight against terrorism, with a regional focus on one or more of the following regions: Latin America, the Caribbean, South Asia, South-East, North-East Asia, and the Pacific • Assist CTED Section A in the preparation of detailed assessments and draft reports on national, regional, and thematic issues pertaining to terrorism trends, especially with regard to the repatriation, prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration, as appropriate, of foreign terrorist fighters and associated family members, in the assigned area of responsibility 		

- Assist in the identification of terrorism-related areas in which evaluated States would benefit from technical assistance, draft proposals for technical assistance, and share them with possible donors and implementing agencies
- Support CTED Section A in identifying good practices employed by States in countering terrorism, including by engaging civil society, particularly for rehabilitation and reintegration activities for repatriated FTFs and associated family members
- Participate in consultations with Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations in order to advise the CTC on further approaches
- Participate in the preparation of CTC visits to Member States by reporting on their compliance with the relevant Council resolutions, as well as in follow-up actions with visited Member States
- Assist in organizing CTED-sponsored national and regional workshops for senior practitioners on the implementation of various aspects of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2129 (2014), 2178 (2014), 2395 (2017), 2396 (2017), 2617 (2021) and other relevant resolutions
- Assist in preparing presentations to the CTC and/or the wider UN membership
- Represent CTED at international conferences or meetings to which the Executive Director has been invited and represent CTED in coordinating meetings with local UN counter-terrorism entities as required
- Undertake other tasks as requested.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

On completion of the assignment, the JPO will have/be able to:

- Fully understand the internal procedures of CTED
- Assist in analysing and interpreting international, regional and domestic legal instruments, especially those relating to counter-terrorism
- Conduct research, including but not limited to: international, regional and domestic laws; organizations that operate in the field of counter-terrorism; general research issues relating to all other aspects of work undertaken by the Directorate
- Draft memorandums, letters, reports and other documents as needed.
- Assist in the organizational and logistical activities of meetings of the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee and its subcommittees, as well as in regional and national workshops organized or co-organized by the Directorate
- Assist in drafting talking points or speeches for the Committee Chair and the Executive Director
- Correspond with international, regional and subregional organizations, as well as with Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations
- Attend internal meetings of the Directorate, as well as formal Committee meetings, and take notes as required
- Undertake other tasks as requested

IV Supervision

Title of Supervisor:

Legal Officer

Content and methodology of supervision: Establishment of a Work Plan: During the first month of the assignment, the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) will work jointly with his/her direct supervisor to finalize an agreed upon work plan. The final work plan will be discussed and mutually agreed to by the JPO and his/her supervisor.

Evaluation: The United Nations Performance Evaluation System (e-performance) will serve as a primary platform to evaluate of the JPO's performance.

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in law or a related field, including legal or judicial criminal law studies relating to the regional areas cited above. A first-level university degree in combination with qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Working experience (incl. internships and volunteering):

While a minimum of 2 years work experience is required, for this specific position preference is given to candidates who possess 3 or more years of relevant work experience in criminal law, criminal justice matters or related area is required. An understanding of the UN's role in engaging Member States in the global fight against terrorism, including knowledge or experience with Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 2129 (2013), 2178 (2014), 2395 (2017), 2396 (2017), 2617 (2021) and other relevant resolutions is desirable. One year of experience related to counter-terrorism law and practices is desirable. Experience relating to Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, South, South-East and North-East Asia and/or the Pacific region is also desirable.

Other skills:

- Computer skills
- Research skills

Languages:

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. For this post, fluency in English (both oral and written) is required. Knowledge of another UN official language, particularly Spanish, is an advantage.

UN competencies:

PROFESSIONALISM: Knowledge of international legal procedures and instruments, including criminal law, both substantive and procedural and/or of international relations and international organizations. Ability to apply legal expertise to analysing a diverse range of legal issues and problems and in developing innovative and creative solutions in dealing with counter-terrorism issues and/or

ability to analyse complex political and international relations issues. Strong analytical skills and ability to conduct comprehensive legal and/or political research on a range of issues, including those of a unique and/or complex nature; proficiency in writing and expression and ability to prepare briefs, opinions, submissions/motions, and a variety of legal and/or political documents. Discretion and sound judgement in applying legal and/or political expertise to sensitive, complex legal and/or political issues. Strong negotiating skills and ability to influence others to reach agreement. Ability to work to tight deadlines and handle multiple concurrent projects/cases. Knowledge of contemporary international relations and of UN system, organization and interrelationships. Shows pride in work and in achievements; Demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; Is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; Is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; Shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; Remains calm in stressful situations; Good knowledge of and exposure to a range of human rights issues, good knowledge of institutional mandates, policies and guidelines related to human rights

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 joint responsibility for team shortcomings

PLANNING & 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

Workforce Diversity

The United Nations believes that an inclusive culture attracts the best talent and encourages all qualified applicants, regardless of gender, disability, sexual orientation, cultural or religious backgrounds, to apply.

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

Guided by Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), the CTC works to strengthen the ability of United Nations Member States to prevent terrorist acts, both within their borders and across regions. The CTC was established in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks against the United States.

The CTC is assisted by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), which carries out the policy decisions of the Committee, conducts expert assessments of each Member State, and facilitates the delivery of counter-terrorism technical assistance, as appropriate.

Council resolution 1373 (2001), adopted unanimously on 28 September 2001, calls upon Member States to implement a number of measures intended to enhance their legal and institutional ability to counter terrorist activities, including taking steps to:

- Criminalize the financing of terrorism
- Freeze without delay any funds related to persons involved in acts of terrorism
- Deny all forms of financial support for terrorist groups
- Suppress the provision of safe haven, sustenance or support for terrorists
- Share information with other Governments on any groups practicing or planning terrorist acts
- Cooperate with other Governments in the investigation, detection, arrest, extradition and prosecution of those involved in such acts; and
- Criminalize active and passive assistance for terrorism in domestic law and bring violators to justice.

The resolution also calls on States to become parties, as soon as possible, to the relevant international counter-terrorism legal instruments.

Council resolution 2129 (2013), adopted unanimously on 17 December 2013, notes the evolving nexus between terrorism and information and communications technologies, in particular the Internet, and the use of such technologies to commit terrorist acts, and to facilitate such acts through their use to incite, recruit, fund, or plan terrorist acts, and directs CTED to continue to address this issue, in consultation with Member States, international, regional and subregional organizations, the private sector and civil society and to advise the CTC on further approaches.

Council resolution 2178 (2014), adopted unanimously on 24 September 2014, recalls its decision in paragraph 14 of resolution 2161 (2014) with respect to improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with Al-Qaida, and urges Member States, in this context, to act cooperatively when taking national measures to prevent terrorists from exploiting technology, communications and resources, including audio and video, to incite support for terrorist acts, while respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and in compliance with other obligations under international law.

VII How to apply

Applicants should submit their application electronically directly to the Organization.

Candidates who would like to apply should do so **online** via

<https://owa.undesa.it/oas/oas.aspx?CMD=START&CP=11>

Applications must be received no later than **18 May 2022, 6.00 pm (Eastern Time UTC-5, New York USA)**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted thereafter.