

Position: Political Adviser	Employment Regime: Seconded	
Ref. Number: SOM-063*	Location: Mogadishu	Availability: 01 July 2018
Component/Department/Unit: MHQ Mogadishu	Security Clearance Level: EU SECRET	Open to Contributing Third States: No

1. Reporting Line:

The Political Adviser reports to the Head of Mission.

2. Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To follow the political developments in theatre and the region and to provide analysis and advice on same, particularly in view of their possible impact on the Mission mandate implementation;
- To contribute to the regular updates to the HoM and senior Mission management on relevant political developments;
- To contribute to the analysis and advice on the policy matters pertaining to the Mission mandate implementation;
- To liaise and develop relationships with relevant political actors, parliamentarians, local authorities, civil society, EU actors, Contributing Third States and international organisations;
- To contribute to the preparation of briefings and notes as requested;
- To prepare records of meetings attended;
- To draft regular Mission reporting and other reports as appropriate, as well as briefings as requested;
- To conduct briefings for Mission staff and other individuals or groups as appropriate;
- To contribute to lessons identified/learned identification;
- To undertake any other related task as requested by the Line Manager.

3. Mission Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To contribute to the advice to the HoM and senior Mission management on overall Security Sector Reform issues, with a particular focus on the political impact of ongoing reforms;
- Act as alternate Mission spokesperson as requested.

4. Essential Qualifications and Experience:

- Successful completion of university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma OR a qualification in the National Qualifications Framework which is equivalent to level 6 in the European Qualifications Framework OR a qualification of the first cycle under the framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area, e.g. Bachelor's Degree. The qualification should be in any of the domains of Political Science, International Relations, Geopolitics, International Security, Law AND
- A minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience, after having fulfilled the education requirements.

5. Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Drafting and presentation skills;
- Political sensitivity, with the ability to exercise discretion, judgement and confidentiality when dealing with politicians and officers at every level;
- Oral and influencing skills, with the ability to give clear advice on issues.

6. Desirable Qualifications and Experience:

- International experience, particularly in crisis areas with multinational and/or international organizations, ideally in a political advisory capacity.
- Good knowledge of the region's history, culture and politics.

7. Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: N/A