Position Name: Senior Strategic Adviser on Counter Terrorism, Prevention and CVE (Countering Violent Extremism) at the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA)	**Employment Regime:** Seconded	
Ref.Number: IAO 13	**Location:** Baghdad	**Availability:** ASAP
Component/Department/Unit Operations Department/LO1	**Security Clearance Level** EU Secret	**Open to Contributing Third States:** Yes

1. **Reporting Line:**

   The Senior Strategic Adviser reports to the Head of Strategic Advice (LO1).

2. **Main Tasks and Responsibilities:**

   - To operationalise the Mission mandate and tasks as set out in the planning documents and the Mission Implementation Plan (MIP) by advising and mentoring local counterpart(s) on the strategic and operational level as appropriate;
   - To support the Mission's efforts in addressing areas of structural weaknesses in the performance and accountability of counterparts/institutions and to propose solutions for strengthening the same;
   - To provide analysis and recommendations to the local counterpart in the area of responsibility;
   - To be embedded within the local institution, security permitting;
   - To ensure timely reporting on activities within the field of responsibility as per planning documents, particularly in the progress and/or lack of progress;
   - To maintain necessary contacts and build relationships with relevant local counterparts;
   - To ensure compliance with instruction/direction from Mission management;
   - To liaise closely with other Senior Strategic Advisers and Advisers as appropriate;
   - To identify best practice and lessons learned within the field of responsibility;
   - To design and deliver training, as appropriate;
   - To undertake any other related task as requested by the Line Manager(s).

3. **Mission Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:**

   - To contribute to the strategic development of the Iraqi National Security Architecture in the sphere of prevention of terrorism especially Countering Violent Extremism (CVE);
   - To advise on policy and strategy development of Iraqi owned implementation plans on CVE;
   - To contribute to the development of Iraqi owned CVE policy and strategy;
   - To advise on implementation plans to enable operationalisation of policy and strategy;
   - To provide advice to senior Iraqi counterparts which contributes to leadership development;
   - To ensure Iraqi counterparts are cognisant of UNSR 1325 and human rights.

4. **Essential Qualifications and Experience:**

   - Successful completion of university studies of at least 4 years attested by a diploma OR a qualification in the National Qualifications Framework which is equivalent to level 7 in the European Qualifications Framework OR a qualification of the second cycle under the framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area, e.g. Master's Degree OR equivalent and attested police or/and military education or training or an award of an equivalent rank AND
   - A minimum of 6 years of relevant professional experience, after having fulfilled the educational requirements.

5. **Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

   - Ability to mentor and motivate local counterparts.

6. **Desirable Qualifications and Experience:**

   - Good experience in EU CVE policies, relevant EU and international CVE initiatives;
   - Experience in advising local national counterparts;
   - Experience in developing CVE Policy and Strategy.
   - Relevant professional qualifications;

- CSDP Mission experience or experience at strategic level in Fragile and Conflict Affected States, bilaterally or with multi-national and international organisations.

7. Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to promote strategic leadership;
- Knowledge of Arabic.