

Position Name: Senior Strategic Adviser on National Security Legislation	Employment Regime: Seconded	
Ref. Number: IAO 58	Location: Baghdad, Iraq	Availability: Vacant
Component/Department/Unit: Operations Department/ Strategic Civilian SSR Component	Security Clearance Level: EU SECRET	Open to Contributing Third States: Yes

1. Reporting Line:

The Senior Strategic Adviser on National Security Legislation reports to the Head of Strategic Civilian SSR Coordination Component (HoSCSC).

2. Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To advise the chairman of the National Security Legislation Working Group part of the Security Sector Reform Program (SSRP) on existing laws and regulations as well as on passing of new laws that could help defining the national security architecture;
- To advise civilian legislative and executive institutions involved in the law-making process (Parliament Security and Defence Committee, Parliament Legal Committee, State Council and Prime Minister Office) as well as relevant security institutions on potential amendments of existing laws and regulations as well as on passing of new laws that could help defining the national security architecture;
- To structure discussions on legal concepts between Iraqi security institution and parliamentary working group experts. To draft legal papers based on negotiations between Iraqi security institutions in the law-making process;
- To coordinate with the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA) and UNDP in charge of leading the SSRP to enhance cooperation between security institutions and civilian institutions involved in the law-making process in national security matters.

3. General Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To draft legal analytical papers on national security concepts and terminology;
- To provide advice on how to safeguard constitutional rights in national security legislation, including on civil liberties and fundamental freedoms;
- To assess local national security legislation by identifying areas requiring improvement/reform in the law-making process and in existing laws regulating objectives and responsibilities of relevant security institutions;
- To advise the Head of Component regarding identified host state needs and recommended support by the Mission;
- To provide input to the development and regular updating of the Mission Implementation Plan by supporting the identification of Mission's operational requirements;
- In coordination with the Mission's Coordination and Cooperation capability, to closely coordinate with other EU/international actors involved in this field;
- To support the Component's contribution to the Mission's internal and external reporting against benchmarking, also assessing the consistency and sustainability of Mission's training activities across time, and to provide recommendations for the improvement of Mission's performance;
- To contribute to Mission induction training of Mission personnel as required;
- To identify and report on lessons and best practices within the field of responsibility;
- To undertake any other related task as requested by the Line Manager(s).

4. 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. The qualification should be in Law; AND

- A minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience, as a practising lawyer, after having fulfilled the education requirements.

5. Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Critical thinking and active listening;
- Complex problem-solving skills;
- Time management skills.

6. Desirable Qualifications and Experience:

- Mission experience, e.g. CSDP, UN, OSCE etc.;
- Strong skills in managing cultural differences in negotiations, and negotiation experience from Middle East context;
- Experience with and knowledge of Iraqi security institutions and dynamics;
- Experience in and sound practical understanding of legal reform processes in fragile environments, including the development of legal policy and legislation;
- Experience in the field of legislative/normative/regulatory reforms in a post-conflict situation;
- Admission to the Bar in home or residential jurisdiction;
- Extensive experience as a practising lawyer.

7. Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to mentor and motivate local counterparts;
- Ability to establish/review priorities, to plan and to exercise control;
- Ability to engage with senior officials/ governmental level decision makers;
- International experience at strategic level in Fragile and Conflict Affected States, bilaterally or with multi-national and international organisations;
- Knowledge of Arabic.