

<b>Position Name:</b> Senior Political Adviser	<b>Employment Regime:</b> Seconded	
<b>Ref. Number:</b> SOM-023	<b>Location:</b> Mogadishu	<b>Availability:</b> ASAP
<b>Component/Department/Unit:</b> Chief of Staff Office	<b>Security Clearance Level:</b> EU SECRET	<b>Open to Contributing Third States:</b> No

### 1. Reporting Line:

The Senior Political Adviser reports to the Chief of Staff.

### 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 ensure the Head of Mission (HoM) and senior Mission management as appropriate are regularly updated on relevant political developments;
- To follow the policy matters pertaining to the Mission mandate implementation and to provide analysis and advice on same to the HoM and senior Mission management;
- To liaise and develop relationships with relevant political actors, parliamentarians, local authorities, civil society, EU actors, Contributing Third States and international organisations
- To prepare/contribute to briefings and notes in a timely manner for the HoM;
- To contribute to the political aspects of press and public information activities, including to assist in clearance of draft press releases, public statements and articles as appropriate;
- To review regular Mission reporting and other reports, papers and briefings in relation to the implementation of the Mission mandate;
- Without prejudice to the chain of command, to contribute to the regular liaison/coordination with Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC);
- To conduct briefings for Mission staff and other individuals or groups as appropriate;
- To contribute to lessons identified/learned identification;
- To lead, direct and manage the work and staff of the Political Adviser;
- To advise 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;
- To accompany HoM to meetings, and to prepare records of the same.

### 3. General Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Contribute to mission reporting in the area of competence;
- Contribute to the identification of lessons and best practice in the area of competence;
- Take account of gender equality and human rights aspects in the execution of tasks;
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the line manager.

### 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. The qualification should be in any of the domains of Political Studies, International Relations, Geopolitics, Diplomacy, Security Studies AND
- After having fulfilled the education requirements, a minimum of 6 years of relevant professional experience.

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

- Drafting and analytical skills;

- Political sensitivity, with the ability to exercise discretion, judgement and confidentiality when dealing with politicians and officers at every level.

**6. Desirable Qualifications and Experience:**

- International experience, particularly in crisis areas with multi-national and international organisations.

**7. Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Knowledge of the political situation in the Horn of Africa region.