

United Nations



*Job Opening for Position requiring official secondment
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Post Title and Level:	Senior Police Adviser, P-5
Organizational Unit:	United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)
Duty Station:	Nicosia
Reporting To:	Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG)
Duration	12 Months (Extendable)
Deadline for applications	24 September 2025
Job Opening number	DPO - UNFICYP- 0194 -2025
The post is available from	Vacant

United Nations Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism and Respect for Diversity

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the overall supervision of the SRSG, the Senior Police Adviser in UNFICYP will provide leadership in the activities of the UN Police Component and within the limits of delegated authority will be responsible for, but not limited to, the performance of the following duties:

- Advise the SRSG and other UN mission leadership on police related issues and provide regular reports to the Mission's leadership on Police Component's work program and mandate implementation activities.
- Lead the formulation and implementation of the Police Component's mission statement, mandate implementation plan and operational strategy in accordance with the overall objectives of the mission.
- Ensure coordination with other components of the mission, including the office of the SRSG, Joint Mission Analysis Centre, Military, Civil Affairs, and Mission Support in the fulfillment of the mission's mandate.
- Liaise with local police (Cyprus Police and Turkish Cypriot Police) for both criminal and humanitarian matters. Support the work of bi-communal law enforcement cooperation mechanisms, such as the Technical Committee on Crime and Criminal Matters and Joint Communications Room.
- Assist, facilitate and monitor the Cyprus Police and Turkish Cypriot Police investigations in the Buffer Zone.
- Prepare analytical progress reports (to whom?) on the activities of the UN Police Component.
- Direct, supervise and deploy UN Police in the mission in accordance with the core values and principles of United Nations, with due respect for gender and geographical balance.
- Perform any other duties as assigned by the SRSG.

COMPETENCIES:

Professionalism: Shows pride in work and 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. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work. Strong negotiation and conflict-resolution skills. Outstanding expert knowledge in the technical field of work in general and in the specific areas being supervised in particular; strong organizational skills; experience in management and administration; ability to review and edit the work of others. In-depth understanding of the UNFICYP Police Component mandate, strong analytical skills combined with good judgment, sound knowledge of the challenges of peacekeeping, including an understanding of police operations. **Planning and 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. **Teamwork:** Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits inputs by genuinely valuing other's ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; 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. **Leadership:** Serves as a role model that other people want to follow; empowers others to translate vision into results; is proactive in developing strategies to accomplish objectives; establishes and maintains relationships with a broad range of people to understand needs and gain support; anticipates and resolves conflicts by pursuing mutually agreeable solutions; drives for change and improvements; does not accept the status quo; shows the courage to take unpopular stands.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Advanced University Degree (master's or equivalent) in Law enforcement, Criminal Justice, Public Administration, Human Resources Management, Change Management, Social Sciences or another relevant field. A first level university degree with a combination of relevant academic qualifications and extensive experience in law enforcement, including planning and administration may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Graduation from a certified police academy or other law enforcement training institution is also required. **Work Experience:** Minimum of 10 years (12 years in absence of advanced degree) of active and progressively responsible policing experience in a national or international law enforcement agency both at the field and national police headquarters level. Active police experience at senior policy making level with extensive strategic planning and management experience in one or few of the following areas: police operations, human and financial resources management, crime management, police administration, police training and development, change management (particularly in law enforcement), reform and restructuring or related field. Practical and direct experience in commanding a regional or a state level police unit or heading a department at national police headquarters level. Previous experience with a United Nations peacekeeping operation or international experience is an advantage. **Rank:** Colonel/ Chief or Senior Superintendent - equivalent or above. **Language:** Fluency in spoken and written English is required. Knowledge of a second UN language is an advantage.

Preference will be given to equally qualified women candidates

<https://police.un.org/en/vacancies>

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