

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa

ANNEX I

REQUEST FOR SECONDMENT OF A POLITICAL ADVISOR TO THE EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HORN OF AFRICA (BRUSSELS BASED)

Organisation:	EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa
Job Location:	Brussels, Belgium
Availability:	01 September 2026 and until 31 August 2027 . Possible extension pending extension of EUSR mandate.
Contract Regime:	Secondment
Job Titles/Vacancy Reference:	Political Advisor
Number of posts:	1 post

The EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa kindly requests Member States, the institutions of the Union and the EEAS to consider the Secondment of one staff member for the post of Political Advisor to the team of the Special Representative, based in Brussels, according to the described requirements and information provided below:

A. Essential Requirements

Citizenship - Citizen of a Member State of the European Union (EU) and enjoying full rights as a citizen.

Integrity - The candidate must maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality and self-discipline. Candidates are not allowed to provide or discuss any information or document as a result of access to classified and/or sensitive information related to the Special Representative or respective tasks and activities without her express permission. The candidate shall carry out their duties and act in the interests of the Special Representative.

Gender balance - The EU strives for improved gender balance in CSFP/CSDP operations and EUSR Offices in compliance with UNSCR 1325. The EUSR encourages the contributing Member States, the institutions of the Union and the EEAS to take this into account when offering contributions.

B. Job description

Job Title	Political Advisor (Brussels office. seconded)
Job Description	<p>Under the guidance of the EU Special Representative, the Political Advisor will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise and report through the Chief of Staff to the EUSR on all issues related to political developments in the Horn of Africa relevant to the EUSR's mandate, and on potential EU policy responses to such developments. The incumbent will be expected to travel regularly to the region to ensure a thorough understanding of events and dynamics there. Responsibility for specific files may vary over time. • Actively coordinate with the relevant services of the European External Action Service (EEAS), and especially the Managing Directorate for Africa, and with other Commission DGs, especially DG INTPA and DG ECHO, as well as with member state representatives on the Council Working Group for Africa (COAFR). The incumbent will also coordinate with CSDP operations and missions and operations in the region, at Brussels and mission/operation HQ level in cooperation with the EUSR's regional security advisor. • Liaise with Embassies of the countries of the Horn of Africa, Embassies of other key international actors in the region, and international non-governmental organisations and think tanks with representations in Brussels, and beyond. • Deputise for the Chief of Staff on all issues of reporting and co-ordination, in his/her absence. • Accompany the EUSR during her meetings to in Brussels, visits to European capitals, and elsewhere as requested/required.
Qualifications and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Bachelor degree in relevant discipline with at least 7 years of experience, or a Master's degree and 5 years of experience. • Excellent political judgment, strong analytical skills and an ability to think strategically. • Ability to work well with others and to operate in a small team. Willingness to travel frequently, sometimes at short notice. • Excellent drafting and verbal skills in English as well as advanced competence in French. • Previous experience of working within/knowledge of the EU institutional framework is essential. Prior experience/knowledge of the Horn of Africa is desirable.