LEGAL OFFICER

DUTY STATION: Mostar

GRADE: 8

CONTRACT TYPE: National

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POSITION:

Legal Officer will cover all issues in the domain of the OHR South Legal Section. The incumbent will fulfill responsibilities that include briefing, advising, and formulation of locally appropriate intervention strategies. Legal Officer will work under the general supervision of the Deputy High Representative OHR South and direct supervision of Head of Legal Section, OHR South.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

· Advise on all legal and electoral matters in AoR of OHR-South;

· Research and analytical support for the work of the High Representative;

· Identification of priority cases and legal issues;

· Consultation with experts from relevant fields;

· Legal interpretation of Human Rights standards;

· Harmonization of legislation between the Entities and with relevant international standards;

· Work on relevant legal issues on existing levels (Federal, Cantonal, City, Municipal, Republika Srpska);

· Monitoring observation of the principle of Rule of Law.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS / QUALIFICATIONS:

· University degree in Law;

· Minimum of 5 years of professional experience;

· Ability to work as part of a team and to work under pressure;

· Good command of oral and written English is essential;

· Full computer literacy;

· Excellent oral and written communications skills; strategic and creative abilities;

· In-depth knowledge of the legal and political systems of the State and its subdivisions;

· Knowledge of the BiH Constitution, Dayton Peace Agreement and its Annexes;

· Knowledge and experience of the domestic laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of its Entities essential.

· Knowledge of FBiH, Canton 7 and 8 legislation, particularly the legislation concerning the City of Mostar.

Any personnel with the above qualifications should provide (in English) a CV with a one-page cover letter and references to the following:

Personnel Department
Office of the High Representative
Emerika Bluma 1, 71000 Sarajevo
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Fax: +387 (0) 33 283 771 E-mail: application@ohr.int

Reference number: 2004/025 must be quoted
Closing date for applications: 15th February 2004

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted
No telephone inquiries please