LEGAL ASSISTANT

DUTY STATION: Banja Luka

CONTRACT TYPE: National

GRADE: 7

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POSITION

The incumbent provides legal assistance to the Banja Luka Legal Office concerning all issues generally within the domain of the Legal Office. The incumbent may also be called upon to respond to legal issues at cantonal level (specifically cantons 1 and 10) or at the level of either of the two Entities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The incumbent:

– Conducts research on BiH; RS; Federation of BiH and Cantonal legal issues, with emphasis on functioning of institutions, legislative development and current issues of interest in Cantons 1 and 10;

– Identifies priorities and provides analytical support to supervisors in the legal issues involved in the activities of the Banja Luka Regional Office;

– Maintains contacts with national and international legal officials and institutions, and reports all information obtained during his/her contacts to relevant OHR and other legal and non-legal officials;

– Assists in contacts of Banja Luka Regional Office with relevant Cantonal Ministries for assorted legal matters, including transmittal of important and time-sensitive communications from OHR officials to legal or government

officials;

– Closely co-operates with Field Offices in Bihac and Livno in relation to the legal issues rising within the jurisdiction of these offices;

– Assists in drafting legal advices and opinions;

– Performs other duties as assigned.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

The incumbent must:

– Be a graduate lawyer;

– Possess excellent English language communication skills – both speaking and writing;

– Understand and use computers and common applications (e.g., Microsoft Windows, Word, Excel, E-mail, etc.), know how to type, etc.; and

– Be able to perform legal research using bound BiH and international laws and statutes, digital media, such as CD ROM and the Internet.

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

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Office of the High Representative
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Reference number: 2005/148 must be quoted
Closing date for applications: 10 August 2005

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted

No telephone inquiries please