

United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals

Translator (B/C/S), P-3

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : 22 September 2017
DATE OF ISSUANCE : 24 August 2017
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT : Registry/Language Support Services
LOCATION : The Hague
JOB OPENING NUMBER : 17-LAN-RMT-84176-R-THE HAGUE (R)

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

Organizational setting and Reporting:

This position is located in the Language Support Services, Registry, under the direction of the Chief, LSS.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the Head of the B/C/S Translation Unit, the incumbent of the post translates, subject to revision, a variety of mostly legal texts from English into B/C/S, respecting deadlines and using appropriate terminology. The incumbent must aim at a high standard of accuracy, consistency and faithfulness to the spirit, style and nuances of the original, observe the established terminology and usage, and ensure, as far as possible, consistency with other translations produced in the Unit or other translators working on the same document. The level of revision required should decrease as more experience is gained, the ultimate goal being that work produced needs only monitoring by a reviser. S/he uses all sources of reference, information and consultation relevant to the text at hand and carries out any research required. Must maintain a certain speed and volume of output, due account being taken of the difficulty of the text and the specified deadlines. Identifies new terminology material and submits it for the consideration of revisers.

COMPETENCIES:

Professionalism – Good writing skills; high standards of accuracy, consistency and faithfulness to the spirit, style and nuances of the original text; good grasp of the subject matter; ability to use all sources of reference, consultation and information relevant to the text at hand; ability to maintain an adequate speed and volume of output, taking into account the difficulty of the text and the specified deadline. Commitment to implementing the goal of gender equality by ensuring the equal participation and full involvement of women and men in all aspects of work. Shows pride in work and in 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.

Commitment to Continuous Learning – Keeps abreast of new developments in own occupation/profession; actively seeks to develop oneself professionally and personally; contributes to the learning of colleagues and subordinates; shows willingness to learn from others; seeks feedback to learn and improve.

Teamwork – Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organisational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; places team agenda before personal agenda; 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.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Advanced degree from a university or from an institution of equivalent status. A first level university degree in combination with an additional two years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.

Work Experience:

Minimum of 5 years of translation experience, preferably in the context of the United Nations or an international organisation. Some degree of specialization in subjects with which the Mechanism deals, i.e. legal. Familiarity with terminology databases and knowledge of relevant computer software is an asset.

Languages:

English and French are the working languages of the Mechanism. For the post advertised, mother-tongue fluency in BCS and excellent knowledge of English are required, as demonstrated by passing the UNICTY's or UNMICT's selective translation examination. Knowledge of other languages is an asset.

Assessment Method:

There may be a technical test followed by a competency-based interview.

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Special Notice:

The appointment is limited to the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT). **Appointment of the successful candidate to this position will be subject to budgetary approval.** Extension of the appointment is subject to the extension of the mandate and/or the availability of funds. As the international tribunals are not integrated in the Secretariat, UN Staff Members serve on assignment or secondment from their parent department/office if selected. Appointments of staff members in the United Nations are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General. Staff Members are expected to move periodically to new functions in accordance with established rules and procedures, and may in this context be reassigned by the Secretary-General throughout the Organization based on the changing needs and mandates.

The United Nations Secretariat is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance in its staff. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

NOTE FOR PREVIOUSLY ROSTERED CANDIDATES

Roster candidates must express their interest and availability for published job openings by submitting an updated PHP and cover letter.

No Fee:

THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS (APPLICATION, INTERVIEW MEETING, PROCESSING, TRAINING OR ANY OTHER FEES). THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH INFORMATION ON BANK ACCOUNTS.

United Nations Considerations

Candidates will be required to meet the requirements of Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter as well as the requirements of the position. The United Nations is committed to the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity for all its human resources, including but not limited to respect for international human rights and humanitarian law. Candidates may be subject to screening against these standards, including but not limited to whether they have committed, or are alleged to have committed criminal offences and/or violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8). The United Nations Secretariat is a non-smoking environment.

Applicants are urged to follow carefully all instructions available in the online recruitment platform, Inspira. For more detailed guidance, applicants may refer to the At-a-Glance on "The Application Process" and the Instructional Manual for the Applicants, which can be accessed by clicking on "Manuals" hyper-link on the upper right side of Inspira account-holder homepage.

Applications are pre-screened by the system according to the published requirements of the job opening on the basis of the information provided in the application. In relation to the requirements of the job opening, applicants must provide complete and accurate information pertaining to their qualifications, including their education, work experience, and language skills. Each applicant must bear in mind that submission of incomplete or inaccurate applications may render that applicant ineligible for consideration for the job opening. Initial screening and evaluation of applications will be conducted on the basis of the information submitted. Applications cannot be amended following submission. Candidates under serious consideration for selection will be subject to a reference-checking process to verify the information provided in the application.

Job openings advertised on the Careers Portal will be removed at midnight (New York time) on the deadline date.

HOW TO APPLY:

All applications must be submitted through the UN Inspira portal. The Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals is not able to accept applications for this vacancy via email.

Internal applicants may go to <https://inspira.un.org>

External applicants may go to <https://careers.un.org>
