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Deadline For Application: 14 November 2012

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POSITION TITLE:	<b>Legal Officer</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-4</b>
		DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>General Legal Affairs Service, LEGA</b>	DURATION *:	<b>Fixed Term: two years</b>
	Legal and Ethics Office, LEG	POST CODE/N°:	<b>unidentified</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1G02</b>

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**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged  
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply  
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence**

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#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Under the overall supervision of the Legal Counsel and the direct guidance of the Chief, LEGA, to undertake legal studies and activities pertaining to the Organization's mandate in relation to legal affairs. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide advice on legal issues, including of a complex nature, on a routine basis in areas of public international law, constitutional and administrative law;
- carry out research with regard to any matter within the field of public international law, constitutional law and intellectual property rights;
- prepare, as required, legal opinions, reports, memoranda and correspondence on matters falling within the above fields, as well as material for discussion at the Conference, Council, CCLM and other organs of the Organization, or required for meetings convened or serviced by the Organization;
- provide legal advice and give legal interpretations on a full range of legal issues regarding the FAO Constitution, General Rules of the Organization, Financial Regulations, including issues concerning the FAO Headquarters Agreement and the relations with the host Government;
- review, provide legal advice and prepare working papers and notes related to legal questions arising in relation to matters involving the immunity of the Organization, the application of relevant conventions and agreements, as well as other legal arrangements referred to the Legal Office for comments or clearance;
- assist in the work planning, programming and budgeting of the Legal Office;
- provide guidance to more junior legal officers, as appropriate;
- perform other related duties as assigned.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- University degree in law
- Seven years of relevant experience in work of a legal character preferably in international organizations or government service
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent of knowledge and relevant legal experience in the field of public international law, constitutional law and intellectual property rights
- Ability to conduct legal research, analyses and studies in the field of public international law, constitutional, administrative or private law
- Extent of knowledge of, and experience in legal issues relating to activities conducted within the UN Common System and its partners (private and public sector)
- Extent and relevance of experience in handling aspects relating to relationship with host governments
- Demonstrated proficiency in drafting clearly and concisely, and reviewing legal texts, legal documents, reports and international agreements

*Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.*

*\* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments*

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and complete the on-line application

**In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.**

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