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)

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| Organisation: | EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa |
| Job Location: | Brussels, Belgium |
| Availability: | ASAP and until 31 August 2024 |
| Contract Regime: | Secondment |
| Job Titles/Vacancy Reference: | Political Advisor |
| Number of posts: | 1 post |
| Deadline for applications: | 30 September 2023 at 17:00 CET |
| Email address to send the CV and cover letter: | [**EUSR.HORNOFAFRICA@eeas.europa.eu**](mailto:EUSR.HORNOFAFRICA@eeas.europa.eu)  Please mention in the email subject ‘POLAD Brussels’ |
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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:

1. **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.

1. Job description

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| Job Title | **Political Advisor (Brussels office, seconded)** |
| Job  Description | Under the guidance of the EU Special Representative, the Political Advisor will:   * 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. * 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, as well as with member state representatives on the Council Working Group for Africa (COAFR). The incumbent will also play a lead role in coordinating with CSDP operations and missions and operations in the region, at Brussels and mission/operation HQ level. * 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 visits to Brussels, to European capitals, and elsewhere as requested/required. |
| Qualifications  and  Experience | * Minimum Bachelor degree in relevant discipline with at least 12 years of experience, or a Master’s degree and 10 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. Competence in French is an asset. * Previous experience of working within an EU institutional framework and prior experience and knowledge of the Horn of Africa is desirable. |