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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the contributions to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).

The Secretariat would be grateful if their Governments could consider nominating suitable candidates who are of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or Colonel for the position of Military Prosecutions Advisers, the rank of Major or Lieutenant Colonel for the position of Military Police Investigation Advisers and the rank of Commandant for the position of Military Justice Human Resources Experts. Please find attached the pertinent job description. The Secretariat requires the submission of official United Nations Personal History Forms certifying that the nominees meet the minimum requirements as set-forth in the attached terms of reference. The nomination of female candidates is strongly encouraged.

The names and particulars of the nominated personnel should be provided by the Permanent Missions by 31 January 2013 by fax: (+1-917) 367-2664 or electronic mail: sachs@un.org. Selected candidates are expected to serve for an initial period of one year, with a possible extension of six or twelve months, and should be prepared to move to the mission area in February 2013. Should the Permanent Missions so agree, those personnel nominated may also be considered for service with other United Nations peacekeeping operations. The Secretariat would be most grateful if an indication to this effect could be included in the submission.

These officers will have a one year tour of duty and will function as Experts on Mission under the operational control of the Force Commander of MONUSCO. However, they will work under the day-to-day tasking authority of the Director of the Rule of Law Office of MONUSCO.

Candidates must be proficient in French. Candidates must further possess a valid driver's license and have proficient driving skills. A United Nations driving test will be conducted upon arrival in the mission. Officers that are not able to pass this driving test in three attempts will be repatriated at the expense of the contributing Member State.

Annexes enclosed

The Secretariat wishes to outline that it is the responsibility of the Governments to ensure that each nominated candidate has not been convicted of, or is not currently under investigation or being prosecuted for, any criminal offence, or any violations of international human rights law or international humanitarian law. In the case of nominees who have been investigated for, charged with or prosecuted for any criminal offence but were not convicted, the Governments are requested to provide information regarding the investigation(s) or prosecutions concerned. The Governments are also requested to certify that they are not aware of any allegations against the nominated candidates that they have committed or been involved, by act or omission, in the commission of any acts that may amount to violations of international human rights law or international humanitarian law.

The Secretariat recalls that the responsibilities of those personnel who are appointed to serve in United Nations peace operations are exclusively international in character. They perform their functions under the authority of, and in full compliance with, the instructions of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and persons acting on his or her behalf and are duty-bound not to seek or accept instructions in regard to the performance of their duties from any Government or from any other authority external to the United Nations.

The Secretariat notes that the Guidelines for United Nations Police Officers on Assignment with Peacekeeping Operations, dated 29 June 2007, reference DPKO/PD/2006/00135, and the United Nations Directives for Disciplinary Matters Involving Civilian Police Officers and Military Observers of July 2003, shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis* to those personnel. The Secretariat further recalls that any expert who may be found, while serving with a United Nations peace operation, to have engaged in an act of serious misconduct, as defined in the United Nations Directives for Disciplinary Matters Involving Civilian Police Officers and Military Observers, will be repatriated and that all expenses connected with his or her repatriation, as well as with his or her replacement, shall be borne by the Member State concerned.

The Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Service, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, is the designated focal point for all issues related to the selection, recruitment, deployment, rotation, transfer and repatriation of those personnel.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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