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To: IMO Member States

Subject: Position in the IMO Junior Professional Officer programme

1 The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to announce a position for Junior Professional Officer.

2 The IMO Junior Professional Officer (JPO) programme is a voluntary programme under which Member States sponsor the secondment of young professionals from their country to work at IMO, typically for a period of two years. JPOs are engaged at the P.2 level and are assigned substantive work while serving at IMO, in addition to receiving on-the-job training and familiarization.

3 Selection of candidates for a place on the programme is on a competitive basis. It is expected that JPOs will take up their assignment following a successful recruitment outcome.

4 Member States willing to participate in the programme are encouraged to nominate a maximum of three applicants per JPO position (see annex for details of the position for 2020). Direct applications from interested candidates will not be accepted. Only nominations submitted through the respective sponsoring Member State will be considered. All nominations from sponsoring Member States should be accompanied by a supporting nomination letter and contain a covering letter from the candidate as well as an IMO Personal History form (available under "Careers at IMO" on our website www.imo.org). Nominations from sponsoring Member States should reach the Organization as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than 17 June 2021.

5 Nominated candidates participating in the programme should note that there is no expectation of conversion to, or engagement in, a permanent position in the Organization after completion of the period of secondment.

6 The programme is independent from, and JPO posts are additional to, the posts financed by the Organization's regular budget. In nominating candidates for a position in the programme, sponsoring Member States agree to bear the responsibility of all costs related to the JPO. The terms of engagement are agreed through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding confirming, inter alia, the sponsoring Member State's commitment to cover all JPO related costs directly or through IMO. All costs should be paid in advance to IMO so that the Organization is not compromised financially.



7 In accordance with a standard Memorandum of Understanding, salaries, benefits, travel costs, etc., of a JPO may be paid directly to the JPO by the sponsoring Member State under the modality of "Gratis Personnel" or through the Organization on the basis of reimbursement by the sponsoring Member State. Under the reimbursement arrangement, a contribution to offset the Organization's administrative support costs (normally 12% on the sum expended) will be levied.

8 In the case of "Gratis Personnel", a target annual support cost charge of US\$10,000 will be sought, however an alternative contribution to the Organization's costs may be made, in cash or in-kind, on the basis of an agreement between the Organization and the nominating Member State.

9 In the case of a nomination of "Gratis Personnel" by a developing country, the administrative support cost of US\$10,000 per annum may be charged to an appropriate technical cooperation regional capacity-building budget.

10 All nominations should be sent by email by the sponsoring Member State quoting in the subject line the specific position number under the 2020 JPO programme. All nominations should be sent to: misp@imo.org.

JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER (JPO) PROGRAMME

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL JPO POSITIONS

Date of issue: 17 February 2021

Deadline for applications: 17 June 2021

Recruitment information:

Appointments are subject to funding by the Member State for a period of one year with the possibility of a yearly extension up to a total of three years, subject to requirements and satisfactory performance. All JPO positions are subject and limited to funding by the nominating Member State. IMO does not guarantee employment beyond the JPO appointment period.

Required competencies:

The successful candidate will have:

- a) Ability to draft a range of documents (reports, briefing notes) combined with excellent research and analytical skills.
- b) Proven ability to think strategically; work independently and in teams.
- c) Organizational skills and a high degree of initiative together with the ability to work under pressure and manage high volumes of work.
- d) Proven ability to adapt to varied environments and maintain effective working relations at all levels with people with different languages, nationalities and cultural backgrounds.
- e) Integrity, discretion, accuracy and meticulous attention to detail.

Professional experience:

Minimum two years' experience in relation to the requirements of the post. Work experience in an international context would be desirable.

Academic qualifications:

University degree, or equivalent professional qualification in relation to the requirements of the post.

Language skills:

Excellent command of written and spoken English is required; knowledge of other official languages of the Organization will be an advantage.

Other skills:

Competent in the use of Microsoft Office.

How to apply:

Since this is a position financed by a nominating Member State, *only nominations submitted directly by a sponsoring Member State will be accepted*. Member State nominations should include (1) a cover letter and (2) an up-to-date [Personal History Form \(PHF\)](#) from the nominee. The nominee's cover letter should state the reasons for applying and relevant experience to the role. Member State nominations must be submitted to the following email address: misp@imo.org.

Please quote the relevant JPO position number in the subject line of the nomination

Kindly **do not** submit nominations via multiple routes

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Nominations from qualified women are particularly encouraged. IMO will make every effort to facilitate the employment of persons with disabilities

ANNEX

POST NUMBER	SECTION	DIVISION
JPO 20-05	Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)	Marine Environment Division

**REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)
MALTA**

Position number: JPO 20-05

Admin number: ADMIN/21/06

Specific professional experience:

Experience in a governmental sphere preferably in a maritime administration, international organization, university or relevant industry in the field of marine environment protection.

Specific professional qualifications:

University degree in law or equivalent preferably in maritime law with relevant knowledge in public international law.

Any additional skills:

Knowledge of IMO international maritime conventions related to the protection of the marine environment and excellent command of written and spoken English. Knowledge of Arabic or French will be considered an advantage.

Main duties and responsibilities:

Under the general supervision of the Head of REMPEC, and under the direction of the relevant Programme Officers, the incumbent will:

1. Assist the Head of REMPEC on policy issues regarding regional activities in the field of marine environment protection and provide expert legal advice;
2. Participate in the planning and organization of meetings at regional and sub-regional levels, and carry out related Secretariat duties;
3. Represent REMPEC at meetings of national, intergovernmental and non-governmental international organizations and at conferences, seminars, meetings and similar events organized by such external organizations, and deliver lectures, presentations and technical papers as required.
4. Assist in the establishment, development and maintenance of external relations with the representatives of the competent national authorities of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, maritime administrations, non-governmental organizations, oil, gas, chemical and shipping industries, ports, professional organizations and other partners relevant to the Centre's activities in the field of the protection of the marine environment.
5. Assist in the preparation, organisation, and implementation of technical cooperation activities and projects related to the protection of the marine environment;
6. Gather information on ship-generated pollution and on maritime transport;
7. Assist in the maintenance, operation and updating the Centre's databases.
8. Contribute to the maintenance and updating of the Centre's website and other computer software for information dissemination.
9. Draft documents, reports, studies, communications and such other documents as may be required in connection with the work of REMPEC.

10. Respond to queries and requests for information by the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, organizations, the concerned industries and other REMPEC partners, on the protection of the marine environment and in particular on the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention Concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea, 2002 (Prevention and Emergency Protocol), IMO conventions, codes and recommendations;
 11. Participate in the planning and organisation of training courses, seminars, workshops and conferences on the protection of the marine environment and in particular on prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships;
 12. Lecture and deliver presentations in training courses, seminars and workshops organised by REMPEC, IMO and/or UNEP and prepare relevant technical papers and teaching aids;
 13. Provide technical assistance and expert advice to the competent national authorities of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention regarding the development of their legal framework to address illicit discharges from ships;
 14. Undertake such other duties (including administrative duties) connected with the work of REMPEC as may be assigned.
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