

## **Extension of the Junior Professional Officer's post in the secretariat**

*Note by the secretariat*

The JPO Programme recruits Junior Professional Officers for the UN Secretariat. JPOs are recruited under bilateral agreements between the UN and donor countries. The main objective of the JPO Programme is to provide young professionals with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field of multilateral international cooperation through a learning experience under the supervision of specialists, and to contribute to the advancement and furtherance of their organization's mandate.

Initially JPOs are granted a one-year appointment, which may be extended, with the agreement of the donor country, and on the basis of good performance. The appointment can be extended to a maximum of four years, provided that the organization pays for the third year of the contract from its own sources.

A Junior Professional Officer joined the secretariat in October 2022 through the programme funded by Germany. The post incumbent supports the intergovernmental process and compliance review under the Convention, supports the provision of legal advice to Parties and preparation of publications. The two-year appointment is due in October 2024, and additional funding is needed to cover the third year of appointment, so that the donor country (Germany) could fund the fourth year.

The standard yearly salary cost for P1/P2<sup>1</sup> is USD 192,400, which includes rental charges<sup>2</sup>, IT infrastructure and programme support costs of 13%. Parties are encouraged to provide their contributions before 30 June 2024 to enable the contract's extension beyond October 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the 2023 rates

<sup>2</sup> Introduced by UNOG as of 1 January 2023