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Vacancy announcement

**ADVOCACY & LEGAL ADVISOR
(maternity cover)**

Period of contract: May-October 2016 (6 months)

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Deadline for submission: 4 April 2016

The Association for the Prevention of Torture is seeking an Advocacy and Legal Advisor to provide advice and support to the APT team and its varied partners to strengthen the efforts to prevent torture and other forms of ill-treatment.

The Advisor will be based in Geneva and will work in close cooperation with thematic advisors and other APT staff. This position is for a period of six (6) months, to cover for a maternity leave.

The APT is an independent non-governmental human rights organisation working worldwide for the prevention of torture.

Due to the short period of the contract only persons with valid permission to work in Switzerland should apply.

Main responsibilities include:

1. Advocate for torture prevention initiatives within United Nations Bodies, with a focus on the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly.
2. Advocate for torture prevention initiatives at the regional and national levels, as appropriate, with regional programme officers.
3. Follow up on any work related to APT's Guide on anti-torture legislation and contribute to national legislation processes.

4. Contribute to the update of APT briefings on legal safeguards to torture prevention.
5. Represent the APT in meetings and conferences.

Minimum qualifications:

- A law degree plus an advanced university degree is required;
- Relevant work experience, including in the administration of justice and/or prohibition of torture;
- Human rights advocacy experience within UN and/or regional mechanisms and bodies;
- Experience in analysis and application of norms and safeguards related to torture prevention;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in French and English; Proficiency in Spanish and other UN languages desirable;
- Ability to work well in a team, as well as show initiative and operate autonomously;
- Ability to interact with a wide variety of actors, such as lawyers, judges, civil society, NHRIs, law enforcement officers and government officials.
- Ability to travel.

How to apply

Applications should be sent by close of business **4 April 2016**, by email to jobs@apt.ch

Applications should contain:

- A motivation letter;
- A CV;
- Contact details of two recent professional referees.

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