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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Position: Legal Adviser
 Category: C3
 Duty station: N'Djamena (Republic of Chad)

1. Support the Executive Secretary (ES) in harmonizing the member states' legal action for the protection and the sustainable use of the basin's natural resources:

- Attend meetings of the Commission's various committees and give legal advice
- Advise the ES in all civil and diplomatic matters, initiate and defend legal proceedings in court, if necessary
- Observe discussion at all levels (international, regional, national) concerning conventions, agreements, treaties and protocols relating to climate change, environment and transboundary water management.

2. Provide in-house services for the different technical departments

- Monitor the execution of the department's legal administrative assignments
- Formulate and provide legal opinions and give legal advice at in-house meetings and meetings with third parties
- Initiate and defend legal actions in courts, if necessary.

3. Qualifications and skills

- A law degree.
- Relevant knowledge acquired in an international organization or good knowledge of international organizations is required.
- Membership of any professional body would be an advantage.
- Experience working in a multidisciplinary and multicultural team.
- Good interpersonal/social skills, ability for conflict resolution and mediation. Political awareness and diplomacy.
- Fluency in one of the LCBC's working languages, namely English or French, and a reasonably good command of the other language. Fluency in both languages would be an advantage. Computer literacy in current MS Office programs is a prerequisite.

General professional experience

- At least ten years' professional experience, with two years in a managerial or supervisory capacity, preferably in legal practice or international law practice
- Specific professional experience

- Profound knowledge of the conventions, agreements, treaties and protocols concerning climate change, environment and transboundary water management is required.
- Good knowledge of the policies of basin institutions and/or transboundary water management programs and projects would be an advantage.