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### Experience

#### EXPERT (PROPOSAL EVALUATION)

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*EUROPEAN COMMISSION*

*Brussels Belgium*

Aug '14 - Sep  
'15

EXPERT (PROPOSAL EVALUATION BUDGET: 100 MILLION EUROS)

#### PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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*Universities in Lebanon (USJ,  
AUB, USEK, NDU,*

*Beirut Lebanon*

Mar '04 - May  
'16

Teach International Relations, Political Science, Human Rights, and Media courses to Master Degree and Bachelor of Arts students. Direct Master degree theses of Master Degree students.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT

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*BANQUE BEMO*

*Beirut Lebanon*

Sep '07 - Jul  
'08

Sell Banking services : private, personal and corporate to Universities and Embassies in Lebanon.

#### TRANSLATOR FROM ENGLISH INTO FRENCH

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*UNITED NATIONS,  
Departement of Economic and  
Social Affair*

*NEW YORK, NY*

Dec '97 - Jan  
'98

Translation of a 40 PAGE document from English into French.

I WAS PAID US\$4000 FOR THIS TRANSLATION

#### TRANSLATOR FROM ARABIC INTO ENGLISH

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*UNITED NATIONS,  
Departement of General  
Assembly Affairs*

*NEW YORK, NY*

Sep '03 - Oct  
'03

Translation of documents from Arabic into English

#### SENIOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND PROJECTS OFFICER

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*UNRWA (UNITED NATIONS)*

*AMMAN Jordan*

Mar '02 - Jan  
'03

In charge of liaising with Ambassadors and Ministers of donor countries, especially the United States of America, the European Union (EU) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states, Japan, Australia, to brief them on UNRWA's projects and requirements as well as to negotiate on increased donations. Writing meeting notes.

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**POLITICAL AFFAIRS OFFICER (DESK FOR IRAK KUWAIT AND GCC COUNTRIES)**

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*UNITED NATIONS,  
Department of Political Affairs*

*NEW YORK, NY*

Aug '00 - Feb  
'02

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Political Affairs Department - Asia and the Pacific Division  
(Supervisors: Ambassador Vorontsov and Mr. John Renninger)

Political Affairs Officer, Special Assistant to Ambassador Yuli Vorontsov, Under-Secretary-General, High-level Coordinator for the repatriation or return of all Kuwaiti and third country nationals, and the return of all Kuwaiti property, particularly the national archives, seized by Iraq, (based on the Security Council resolution 1284, para. 14).

Duties: attend meetings of Ambassador Vorontsov with Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Ambassadors from Arab and Gulf countries and take notes. Write reports of Ambassador Vorontsov to the Security Council. During Ambassador Vorontsov's visits to Gulf countries and in press briefings related to visits, translated his messages into Arabic in the briefings, if needed.

Desk Officer for Iraq and Kuwait (back up for United Arab Emirates, Oman Qatar and Bahrain) in the Asia and the Pacific Division in DPA. Attend all Security Council meetings on Iraq and Kuwait related issues, including on UNMOVIC and Office of the Iraq Programme, report orally and in writing on those meetings to the ASG, Director and Deputy Director. Prepare background analysis papers for the "Iraq Group" of the UN Secretariat. Also prepare briefing notes to the Secretary-General on Iraq and Kuwait.

Attend the Secretary-General's meetings with Iraqi and Kuwaiti Ministers for Foreign Affairs and other high-level representatives. Provide briefing notes to the Secretary-General's trips outside headquarters as well as to other divisions of DPA as well as to cooperate with DPKO on Iraq and Kuwait related issues.

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**HEAD OF THE ANALYSIS UNIT OF THE APPEALS DEPARTMENT**

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*UNITED NATIONS, United  
Nations Mission for the  
Referendum in Western  
Sahara, (MINURSO)*

*NEW YORK, NY*

Aug '99 - Jul  
'00

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Identification Commission  
Head of the Analysis Unit of the Appeals Department

The seven-member unit carried out analyses of appeals to prepare for the admissibility phase prior to the referendum. Wrote weekly reports to the Chairman of the Identification Commission.

Head of the Casablanca Appeals Centre  
Led the team in the receiving phase in Casablanca. Managed the team, received and registered appeals.

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**COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT (SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER)**

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*EUROPEAN UNION*

*Beirut Lebanon*

Feb '99 - Jul  
'99

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EUROPEAN UNION, Beirut, Lebanon  
Communications Consultant (Senior Information Officer)

Managed all public relations and media affairs for the European Union delegation. Wrote speeches for the EU delegation chief, and an annual report on EU-Lebanon economic cooperation. Worked closely with teams of European experts on the restoration of Lebanon's National Library and the rebuilding of schools.

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#### **REPORTS OFFICER**

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*UNITED NATIONS, United Nations Office of The Humanitarian Coordinator*                      *BAGHDAD Iraq*                      Feb '97 - Nov '98

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Feb 1997- Nov 1998 UNITED NATIONS, United Nations Office of The Humanitarian Coordinator the mission and the work based on the Security Council resolution 986)

UNOHCI - The Oil-for-Food Program, Baghdad, Iraq.  
(Supervisor: Mr. Staffan de Mistura)

May 1997- Nov 1998 Special Assistant to the Head of the Multi-Disciplinary Observation Unit

Wrote weekly reports to the UN Security Council. Organized MDOU investigations into sensitive areas, including identification of persons not receiving food rations. Reported on developments in northern governorates about the distribution of Commodities.

February- May 1997 Team Leader in the Geographical Observation Unit (GOU)  
Led Observation Teams in all provinces of Iraq.

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#### **PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

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*UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES*                      *BRUSSELS Belgium*                      Jul '93 - Jul '95

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UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES,  
Brussels, Belgium

(Supervisor: Mr. Andre Miroir)  
Lectured students on " EU Political and Economic Relations with Arab Countries " in the Summers of 1993, 1994 and 1995, in the Programme the UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES'S (CENTRE D'ETUDES DE RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES ET STRATEGIQUES) and MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

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#### **EXPERT CONSULTANT ON EUROPEAN UNION POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES**

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*EUROPEAN COMMISSION, (EUROPEAN UNION)*                      *BRUSSELS Belgium*                      Mar '89 - Jul '95

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Expert Consultant on European Union Political and Economic Relations with Arab Countries

(January - July 1995) The Directorate General for External Political Relations (DGIA)  
Worked on EU relations with North Africa, specifically Algeria: wrote analyses and studies.

(June - December 1994) The Directorate General for Customs and Indirect Taxation (DGXXI)

Worked on Customs Union between EU and Turkey, and EU Customs relations with Arab countries. Attended conferences.

(June 1992 -June 1994) The Directorate General for External Political Relations (DG1A) - Protocol

Drafted letters to Heads of State, Ministers, and Ambassadors and worked as Public Relations Officer. Maintained contact with Middle Eastern Arab Ambassadors and discussed developments in EU-Arab relations.

(March -May 1992) Forward Studies Unit of EU President Jacques Delors (President's Think Tank)

Recommended EU policy toward Arab states in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. Carried out research and analysis on International Telecommunication Traffic to determine the degree of integration of EU member countries. Organized a comparative study of EU an investment in Eastern Europe with EU investment in the Arab World.

(Mar 1989 - Feb 1992) The Directorate General for External Relations

- European Community International Investment Partners Unit (ECIIP)

Promoted European investments in Asia, Latin America, and the Mediterranean. Negotiated framework agreements between the EU and two Lebanese Banks - Byblos Bank and Fransabank - for the funding of joint ventures between Lebanese and EU firms.

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD VIII) Unit

Prepared the EU contribution to the UNCTAD VIII and defined EU positions on the conference.

- EU Relations with the United Nations Unit.

Determined official positions of UN member states on trade liberalization, EU aid, agriculture, and other issues.

#### **FINANACIAL ANALYST**

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*DAIWA SECURITIES  
(EUROPE)*

*LONDON United  
Kingdom*

Jul '87 - Jan '88

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DAIWA SECURITIES (EUROPE)

Financial Analyst

Recommend Investment placements in short-term money markets, maximizing returns.

Developed further detailed practical knowledge of investments aspects.

#### **FINANACIAL ANALYST**

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*WILLIAMS DE BROE (Part of  
BANQUE BRUXELLES  
LAMBERT)*

*LONDON United  
Kingdom*

Feb '87 - Jul  
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WILLIAMS DE BROE (Part of BANQUE BRUXELLES LAMBERT)

(Supervisor: Mr. Kevin Mountain)

Financial Analyst

Recommend Investment placements in short-term money markets, maximizing returns.

Developed detailed practical knowledge of investments aspects.

#### **COMPUTER PROGRAMMER**

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<i>CHECKOUT COMPUTERS</i>	<i>LUTON United Kingdom</i>	Nov '86 - Jan '87
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WRITE COMPUTER PROGRAMMES

**Education**

**Doctor of Philosophy** (Geopolitics)

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<i>UNIVERSITE DE LA SORBONNE NOUVELLE</i>	<i>Paris France</i>	Nov '10
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I RECEIVED MENTION "HONOURABLE"

**Master of Arts** (INTERNATIONAL POLITICS)

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<i>UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES</i>	<i>BRUSSELS Belgium</i>	Jul '96
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Dissertation : Future of Westen Sahara and Its People

**POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA** (COMPUTER SCIENCE)

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<i>UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE</i>	<i>CAMBRIDGE United Kingdom</i>	Sep '86
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Thesis: Implementation of Prolog Interpreter on the IBM 3081

**Bachelor of Arts** (MATHEMATICS)

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<i>AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT</i>	<i>BEIRUT Lebanon</i>	Jul '85
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**TRAINEESHIP CERTIFICATE** (EXTERNAL RELATIONS)

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<i>EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EUROPEAN UNION)</i>	<i>BRUSSELS Belgium</i>	Jul '89
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I WORKED ON EUROPEAN UNION - UNITED NATIONS RELATIONS

**INTERNSHIP CERTIFICATE** (POLITICS)

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<i>UNITED NATIONS</i>	<i>NEW YORK, NY</i>	Jul '88
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I WORKED ON THE IRAQ-IRAN CEASE-FIRE