Internship Opportunity – Junior Political Researcher

Position Title: Junior Political Researcher – 1st Standing Committee on Political and Security-related Cooperation

Duty Station: Naples, Italy

Duration: 3 – 12 months

Starting Dates: January, March and September of each year

The internship is full-time. Interns work five days per week under the supervision of a staff member. Upon availability of funds, and in specific cases, PAM may offer a minimal scholarship.

Context:

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) is an international organization of 34 member and associate countries of the Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf regions. The main objective of PAM is to forge political, economic and social cooperation among the member states in order to find common solutions to the challenges facing the region, and to foster peace and prosperity for the Mediterranean peoples. PAM is the center of excellence for regional parliamentary diplomacy, and a unique forum of discussion among its member states, which are represented on equal footing.

The staff of the Secretariat assists the PAM President, the PAM Bureau, all members and the Secretary General in the execution of their mandate and is responsible for the follow-up on the decisions taken by the Assembly providing coordination, assistance and support to the work of the three Standing Committees (SC) and all other bodies established under PAM. PAM has recently established a new regional office in Naples, Italy and here wishes to welcome a number of selected interns.

PAM is looking to identify an Intern – Junior Political Researcher, for a period from 3 to 12 months to support the work of the PAM 1st SC on Political and Security-related Cooperation at the PAM regional office in Naples.

Main Duties:

Under the supervision of the Program officer in charge of the 1st SC, the intern will:

- Conduct research and reference searches on counter-terrorism and political developments in the Euro-Mediterranean region.
• Support the Program Officer in the preparation of speeches, reports, press releases and various research projects, related to the above-mentioned topics.

• Support the Program Officer in preparing briefing notes and presentations for PAM Members of Delegations, and in particular for the President of the 1st SC, and the Chair of the Special Parliamentary Committee on Counterterrorism.

• Provide organizational, administrative and logistical support to the implementation of activities of the 1st SC.

• Undertake other assignments as required.

Necessary Qualifications:

• Recent graduate with a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree, relevant Masters strongly preferred (Political Science, International Relations, International Law, Public Administration, etc.).

• Fluency in English required, fluency in French and/or Arabic strongly preferred, knowledge of other regional languages welcomed.

• Ability to manage a multitude of different tasks of varying priority, ensuring they all get completed with minimal supervision.

Preferred competencies:

• Shows ability to monitor and analyze political, operational and security developments.

• Ability to think critically in stressful situations, solve problems quickly, and anticipate potential problems before they occur.

• Shows ability to produce reports and papers on the nexus of political and security affairs in the Euro-Mediterranean region and on counter-terrorism issues.

• Impeccable attention to detail, shown through asking questions to clarify, and exhibiting interest in having two-way communication.

• Tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience.

Eligible candidates are encouraged to send their CV and cover letter in English or French to secretariat@pam.int, mentioning the job title in the subject line.