HEAD OF THE AGRICULTURAL POLICIES DIVISION (GRADE A5), DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Closing date for applications: 28 December 1992

Duties:

1. Direct the work of the Agricultural Policies Division, contribute to determining the activities of the Division and carry out the tasks assigned to it in the programme of work of the Organisation. Carry out policy-oriented analysis of national programmes with regard to their impact at domestic and international level.
2. Follow up, supervise and co-ordinate PSE/CSE analysis for a number of countries and contribute to the further improvement of PSE/CSE methodology. Contribute to the assessment and quantification of the consequences of such measures and their evaluation, with a view to finding new policy responses.

3. Participate in and be responsible for the contributions to be made by the Policies Division to the Directorate’s exercise on the monitoring and outlook for agricultural policies, markets and trade. Prepare reports on major topics and options presently under discussion in Member countries, such as relations between agriculture and the environment, direct income payments, structural adjustment, etc. Contribute to any other work of the Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets of the Committee for Agriculture.

4. Supervise the drafting of reports on the above subjects for submission to the various bodies of the Organisation dealing with them.

5. Maintain liaison with other Units in the Directorate and in other parts of the Organisation which work on subjects of direct interest to the activities of the Division.

6. Establish and maintain relations with national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations working on the above-mentioned subjects. If necessary, represent the Organisation at international meetings.

Principal qualifications:

1. Honours degree in economics or agricultural economics.

2. Very good knowledge of the agricultural problems and policies of Member countries, the economic structure of the agricultural sector, and of the world food and agricultural issues.

3. Experience in a national or international institution active in agricultural policy analysis and good experience with general economic analysis.
4. Ability to organise and direct simultaneously a number of activities; to supervise staff and to co-ordinate with other units within the Secretariat. Clarity of expression, both written and oral. Rapid drafting capacity is of great importance.

5. Excellent knowledge of one of the two official languages of the Organisation (English and French) and ability to draft well in that language. Very good knowledge of the other. Knowledge of other languages would be an advantage.

P.S. The job description will have to be reviewed after approval of the draft Programme of Work and Budget for 1993 [C(92)93], in order to take account of the restructuring of the Directorate resulting from the organisation study carried out in June and July 1992.