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During her tenure as a Senior Legal Officer in the UN Office of the Legal Counsel, Ms. Khalil served as head of the peacekeeping team wherein she advised on rules of engagement and the use of force by UN peacekeepers including for the protection of civilians. She also negotiated status of forces agreements, upheld privileges and immunities and pursued accountability for crimes against, as well as by, UN peacekeepers. She contributed to the elaboration, interpretation and implementation of the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy, the Human Rights Screening Policy and the Zero-Tolerance Policy against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

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In January 2018, she founded MAK LAW -an international legal advisory and consulting service- to assist Governments and intergovernmental organizations to secure their legal rights, advance their legal interests and fulfill their legal obligations in the service of “We the Peoples”.