

Dear candidate,

We are writing to you on behalf of the 1 for 7 Billion campaign to ask you, in your capacity as a nominated candidate for the post of UN Secretary-General, to support our efforts to make the selection process for this important role more transparent and inclusive.

1 for 7 Billion is a global initiative comprising over 750 organisations and 170 million people worldwide who are passionate about finding the best possible person to lead the UN at this time of global challenge and uncertainty. We are focussed solely on improving the selection process and will not be endorsing any candidate.

Our campaign played a key role in encouraging the adoption of General Assembly Resolution 69/321, and we were delighted to see its provisions taken forward through the joint letter sent to all UN Member States by the Presidents of the General Assembly and Security Council on 15 December 2015. While these developments have been very encouraging, it is essential that this nascent process receives full support as it is implemented for the first time this year. The commitment and participation of candidates is particularly important in this regard.

We are therefore calling on you to commit to making the selection process as open, transparent and principled as possible. Specifically, we ask you to:

- Present publicly your vision and objectives for the post
- Participate actively in hearings with states and with civil society, and engage with civil society, the media and wider public throughout the process
- Emphasise your commitment to Article 100 of the UN Charter during the selection process and commit publicly to refraining from making promises to states, including on other senior UN appointments, in exchange for their support
- Commit publicly to serving only a single term of office

1 for 7 Billion supports the appointment of Secretaries-General for a non-renewable term of more than five years, as this would greatly strengthen the independence of the office. A single term for future postholders is supported by former Secretaries-General, prominent individuals such as Sir Brian Urquhart and The Elders, and a growing number of UN Member States.

We believe that by making these pledges publicly you would send a strong signal about your commitment to the UN's values and to its most important constituency: the world's seven billion people. Your leadership would support the effective implementation of Resolution 69/321, and would contribute positively to public perceptions of the UN.

1 for 7 Billion will be writing to all candidates as they are nominated and will be publishing replies received on our website. We very much hope that you will provide us with a response.

Yours sincerely,

The 1 for 7 Billion campaign