Climate change. A global refugee crisis. Conflict and terrorism. The world is a mess and more than ever we need a strong UN, led by an inspiring, highly-qualified Secretary-General. A new one will be appointed in 2016, but just five countries – the permanent members of the Security Council – will decide who it will be behind closed doors.

The world’s seven billion people deserve better, and it’s time to demand it. We need a fair, open, inclusive, and merit-based process that puts the needs of the world ahead of the needs of the powerful. That allows all states to select from the world’s best women and men – not just rubber-stamp whoever gets through the Security Council’s horse-trading. We need a leader, not a lackey.

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