

Zagreb, 2 April 2016

Dear 1 for 7 Billion Team,

Thank you for your letter addressed to me as a candidate for the position of the UN Secretary-General, inviting me to support transparent and inclusive selection process.

Coming from a civil society background myself, and having devoted big part of my political career to its strengthening, I am well aware of the importance of the NGOs' participation in the process of the selection of the UN Secretary-General. Furthermore, being a part of that process as a candidate, precisely at the time when it has been opened to the public for the first time in history, makes it an even greater privilege.

Therefore, I am committed to making the process of the selection of the Secretary-General as open as possible, especially to implementing all respective provisions adopted in General Assembly Resolution 69/321. I will hence present publicly my vision and objectives for the post and participate actively in hearings in GA, but also engage in dialogue with the civil society, the media and the general public. Preserving the truly international character of the organization means preserving the UN itself. I therefore see it as one of the key tasks of the future SG to safeguard that independence as defined in Article 100.

It would make the job of the Secretary General less complicated if the term of office was limited, for example, to a one seven-year term and I would support such a decision. However, this is a decision that has to be made by the member states and, if elected SG, I do not intend to usurp their competences.

Please find attached my Vision Statement. I am looking forward to seeing you again and continuing our discussions that we started in New York last Fall.

Yours sincerely,

Vesna Pusić

