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Dear Members of 1 for 7 Billion,

The world today is facing serious challenges. What the United Nations does or does not do affects the lives of millions of people every day. We need a strong and relevant United Nations. The United Nations needs a proven leader who is pragmatic and effective.

It is crucial for the next United Nations Secretary-General to be the best person for the position. Broad-based support is integral. I therefore support your efforts to improve the selection process and to make it more transparent and inclusive.

I have visited many of the Member States in the United Nations because I am deeply invested in making the UN relevant, accessible and inclusive to all. As Prime Minister of New Zealand for nine years and as the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the last seven, I have a proven record of supporting transparency and inclusiveness.

My commitment to transparency and inclusiveness is also reflected in my actions as a candidate. I was nominated with the full support of the New Zealand Government in time to allow my participation in the first round of General Assembly informal dialogues on 14 April. At this hearing I elaborated on my vision for a better, fairer and safer world and objectives for the position of Secretary-General.

In my vision statement, I publicly committed to upholding the UN Charter and this includes Article 100. I also committed to listening and working with everyone and to give my all to the task of building a stronger and more relevant United Nations.

As I said during my informal dialogue, I see the merit of the proposal for one non-renewable term, but this is a matter for Member States to decide. You can count on me to bridge divisions and get results, whatever the outcome. This is my track record.

I look forward to continuing the conversation on my vision for the United Nations. I can be reached through social media: @Helen4SG and online: www.mfat.govt.nz/helen.

Sincerely,

Helen Clark