

**Proposed Elements for inclusion in the General Assembly Resolution
appointing the UN Secretary-General**

The resolution appointing the new Secretary-General should:

Affirm advances

Welcome the historic advances towards a more transparent and inclusive process to select the Secretary-General by the adoption of selection criteria, the provision of detailed information by candidates and the open, interactive dialogues of all candidates with all Member States and civil society facilitated by the President of the General Assembly playing a pro-active role;

Affirm that the standards of transparency and inclusivity achieved will be applied and strengthened in future processes to select the Secretary-General;

Welcome the cooperation between the Presidents of the Security Council and the General Assembly, including by initiating the selection process in a timely manner.

Role of civil society

Welcome the role played by civil society in enhancing the transparency of the selection process and engaging the global public;

Longer single term of appointment

Affirm the authority of the General Assembly to set the term of appointment and to decide that the Secretary-General shall be appointed for [seven] years, the appointment not being open at the end of that period for a further term.

Senior Appointments on merit

Welcome the report of the Joint Inspection Unit 2011/2;

Recall Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter obliging each Member State to respect the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and not to seek to influence her/him in discharging her/his responsibilities to secure the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity in making appointments on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

Recall General Assembly resolutions 46/232 and 51/241, adopted without a vote, providing that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States.

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