



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 October 2016

Excellency,

I have received a letter from the President of the Security Council informing me that the Security Council at its 7782<sup>nd</sup> meeting held in private on 6 October 2016, adopted by acclamation resolution 2311 (2016) recommending to the General Assembly that Mr. António Guterres be appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021. A copy of this letter is attached and will be issued as an official document of the General Assembly.

Pursuant to my letter of 23 September 2016, the two designated Special Advisers in my office are in the process of finalizing consultations with Member States and groups aimed at a judicious and consensual outcome in the General Assembly in the best interests of the Organization.

Based on these consultations and the broad advice received, it is my intention to present a Presidential text early next week, for action in a formal plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Thursday, 13 October 2016. The time of the plenary meeting will be announced in due course.

Furthermore, as previously stated, I intend to convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly dedicated to a substantive dialogue with the Secretary-General-designate to facilitate early interaction with the membership. This meeting will take place the following week. Further information will follow in the UN Journal.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
LE PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ

6 October 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Security Council, at its 7782<sup>nd</sup> meeting held in private on 6 October 2016, adopted by acclamation resolution 2311 (2016) concerning the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The resolution reads as follows:

*“The Security Council,*

*“Having considered* the question of the recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

*“Recommends* to the General Assembly that Mr. António Guterres be appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021.”

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vitaly Churkin'.

Vitaly Churkin  
President of the Security Council

His Excellency  
Mr. Peter Thomson  
President of the General Assembly  
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