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### **Appointing the UN Secretary-General**

Mr. Chairman,

The United Nations has been a principal part of international relations for more than 60 years. Through its many specialized agencies, the UN accomplishes important missions in the world. The world has changed, and the UN has also managed to adapt and even sometimes to precede and influence the deep structural changes. The Charter of the United Nations has established an international order of multilateralism with the Security Council as its core, formulated the international relations, and affirmed the common values of the modern society.

China, as a constant defender of this international system and international order, upholds firmly the basic principles of international law and the basic norms governing international relations, with the UN Charter as the core.

According to our current mission to evaluate the candidates' competence, the legal basis for the *Secretary-General's* role emphasizing Articles 7 and 97 to 101 of the UN Charter should be mentioned here. Article 97 names him "Chief Administrative Officer" of the organization. Article 98 stipulates that he shall perform functions entrusted to him by the deliberative organs of the UN. More interesting is the independent political role derived from Article 99, which says: "the *Secretary-General (SG)* may bring to the attention of the *Security Council* any matter which in his opinion may threaten the maintenance of international peace and security." It is inferred from the notion that any matter which in his/her opinion may threaten peace, brings attention of the *SG* to exercise independent political judgment. The legal foundation for this expansive vision of the office is Article 7, which designates the secretariat as a principal organ of the UN. According to *Preparatory Commission* of the UN, as the *SG* will stand for the

UN more than anyone else in the eyes of the world, he/she must embody the principles and ideals of the Charter to which this organization gives effect.

For the time being, the most important global issues are: safeguarding peace, protecting human rights, establishing the framework for international justice and promoting economic and social progress, controlling climate change, confronting international terrorism and developing health-care, emphasized in *Sustainable Development Agenda*.

So, the candidate must enjoy great international influence and authority as well as strong leadership abilities and extensive experience in international relations. He or she should possess strong diplomatic, communication and multilingual skills in order to articulate and prioritize the UN's programs. One who speaks according to conviction when arguing for an issue, and could come from very diverse background.

And the candidate must be neutral and reliable that not to take sides when it comes to conflicts or influencing the interests of any nation, and it is not related to gender nor origin.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman