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In 1945, humanity emerged from almost half a century of violence and war. Hostilities, economic depression, colonialism, and genocide left the majority of the world politically, economically, and socially disfigured. Slowly emanating from these dark moments, the United Nations took its first breaths. Under the Charter of United Nations, the founding document of the UN, Secretary-General is appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. Until now, the selection process of consecutive secretary generals of the UN were always achieved through a discreet and non-transparent manner which were in clear opposition of the spirit of the Charter. Ukraine firmly asserts that the latter practice is no more acceptable nor desirable in the context of 21th century and must be amended to meet desires of international community for openness and accountability. Ukraine also rejects the exploitation of vetoing power as a mean of influencing the selection process by few permanent members of this council.

As for necessary qualification for this job, it is a matter of the utmost importance to note that Secretary-General is not only “the chief administrative officer of the Organization” but also, he is the warden of peace and security within the United Nations system. Accordingly, Ukraine insists that an acceptable candidate for the job must already shown leadership in addressing current difficulties that threaten peace and security of the international community. A person that has the capacity to deal with issues such as global terrorism, climate change and refugee crisis. A nominee that has deep affection toward principles and values described in the Charter and has the courage to advocate for them even in the most demanding contexts. An administrator who

sees men and women equal and ensures that the UN remains a gender balanced organization. And finally, a leader that can bring nations together through collaboration and participation with the aim of promoting prosperity and security for all.

In conclusion, Ukraine reminds all member states of the UN that the spirit of the Charter requires equal opportunity for all state members and all regions to participate in UN-related matters. Hence, it endorses the notion that position of Secretary-General shall be trusted to persons coming from all member states of the UN without any exceptions. Consequently, as this organization already had several secretary generals from all regions of the world except for eastern europe, it would be most appropriate if members of this council prioritize candidate from the latter region. Ukraine also encourages appointment of a woman as a next Secretary-General of the Organization as no woman has ever held this position before, though it also confirms that qualifications of a candidate is of a more significance compared to his or her gender.