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Excellency,

Further to the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A70/623-S/2015/988), and in line with General Assembly resolution 69/321, we have the honour to forward a communication received from the Permanent Mission of Serbia presenting Mr. Vuk Jeremić as a candidate for the position of Secretary-General.

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

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H.E Mr. Mogens Lykketoft
President of the General Assembly

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H.E. Mr. Liu Jieyi
President of the Security Council

To all Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations
New York



*Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia
to the United Nations*

No: 806-2/2016

12 April 2016

Excellencies,

I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Serbia has formally nominated Mr. Vuk Jeremić, President of the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly and former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Serbia, as a candidate for the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, relevant United Nations resolutions and other pertinent United Nations documents, letters, and rules of procedure.

I kindly request that this letter, the enclosed nomination letter from H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Vučić, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, and Mr. Jeremić's enclosed biography be brought to the attention of the members of all United Nations Member States and circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 120, and of the Security Council.

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


Milan Milanović

H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft
President
Seventieth Session of the General Assembly
United Nations

H.E. Mr. Liu Jieyi
President of the Security Council
United Nations



РЕПУБЛИКА СРБИЈА
ВЛАДА

*Кабинет председника Владе
Office of the Prime Minister*

Belgrade, April 12, 2016

Dear President Lykketoft,

On behalf of the Republic of Serbia, it is my honor to inform you that we have decided to nominate Mr. Vuk Jeremić for the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 97 of the UN Charter, relevant UN General Assembly resolutions (including 69/321), and other pertinent UN documents and rules of procedure.

We believe that Mr. Jeremić's extensive diplomatic experience acquired by virtue of serving as President of the Sixty-seventh Session of the United Nations General Assembly and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Serbia qualify him as a candidate for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In nominating Mr. Vuk Jeremić, a national of the Republic of Serbia, for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations, we reaffirm our support for the principle of geographic distribution for leadership positions in the UN system, noting that no individual from a UN Member State belonging to the Eastern European Group has ever held the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I would be grateful if this letter and its accompanying material would be circulated to all UN Member States in accordance with relevant UN resolutions, documents, decisions, and guidelines.

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

Aleksandar Vučić

H.E. Mr. Morgens Lykketoft
President
Seventieth Session of the UN General Assembly
New York

Vuk Jeremić is the President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD), a public policy think-tank based in Belgrade, and Editor-in-Chief of *Horizons – Journal of International Relations and Sustainable Development*.

In June 2012, Mr. Jeremić was directly elected by the majority of world's nations to be the President of the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly in the first contested vote since the end of the Cold War. During his term in office he launched the negotiations that led to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As President of the General Assembly, he also facilitated the adoption of the breakthrough Arms Trade Treaty, the first legally binding instrument in UN history to establish common standards for the international transfer of conventional armaments. Mr. Jeremić initiated several high-level thematic debates in the UN on critical issues such as climate change, education, social inequality, credit rating agencies, international criminal justice, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa. A record number of world leaders participated in them, helping the General Assembly assume a more pronounced role in world affairs.

Mr. Jeremić served as Serbia's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2007 to 2012. During his tenure, he paid official visits to over 100 countries, and addressed numerous international summits and conferences. In 2007, he chaired the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers. In 2011 and 2012, Mr. Jeremić led Serbia's successful campaign for the Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) for the year 2015.

Prior to becoming Foreign Minister, Mr. Jeremić served as an advisor to the President of Serbia and various government ministries. Before entering public service, Mr. Jeremić worked in London for Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Jeremić holds a bachelor's degree in Theoretical and Experimental Physics from Cambridge University and a master's degree in Public Administration/International Development from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2013 and appointed to the Leadership Council of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN) in 2014.

Mr. Jeremić served as the President of the Serbian Tennis Federation from 2011 to 2015. He is married to Nataša Jeremić.