



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 August 2016

Excellency,

Please find attached letter dated 23 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Montenegro conveying a letter from H.E. Prof. Dr. Igor Luksic, regarding the withdrawal of his candidature for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

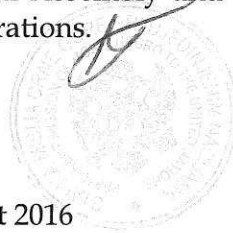


**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations
New York**

No: 1733/2016

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations presents its compliments to His Excellency the President of the General Assembly Mr. Mogens Lyketoft and His Excellency the President of the Security Council Mr. Ramlan Bih Ibrahim and has the honour to include herewith a letter of His Excellency Prof. Dr. Igor Lukšić, regarding the withdrawal of his candidature for the position Secretary-General of the United Nations.

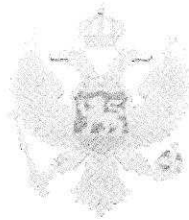
The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council the assurances of its highest considerations.



New York, 23 August 2016

**H.E. Mr. Mogens Lyketoft
President of the General Assembly
of the United Nations**

**H.E. Mr. Ramlan Bih Ibrahim
Permanent Representative of Malaysia
to the United Nations**



Montenegro

Excellencies,

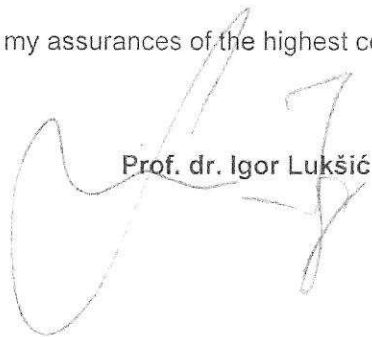
I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I have decided to withdraw my nomination for the position of the Secretary General of the UN.

It has been enormous pleasure to take part in the process in which I was given the chance to offer in a transparent way the concrete measures and innovations to improve operative capacity of the Organization the way I see it. I am also very glad my platform was well noted and considered with due attention.

Given the complexity of the international context, the next Secretary General will face demanding task to make sure the UN system is fit for the purpose. The multilateral agenda has been substantially improved with the existence of the number of prominent international agreements and resolutions. Therefore I believe it matters in the coming years to concentrate on the implementation of that agenda and making sure the world's youth perceives the UN's work as a lighthouse of the better future. To that end I am sure that further investments in restoring trust and development in particular will contribute to both peace and security and human rights.

In addition for the sake of equal ownership of all the regions within the UN I hope the Eastern European argument will prevail when it comes to the final decision, but whoever eventually is appointed as the next Secretary General of the UN I wish all the success in the future engagements.

Please, Excellencies, accept my assurances of the highest consideration



Prof. dr. Igor Lukšić

President of the General Assembly

Mogens Lykketoft

President of the Security Council

Ramlan Bin Ibrahim