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Excellency,

Further to our joint letter dated 15 December 2015 (document A/70/623-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 the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations presenting Dr. Srgjan Kerim as a candidate for the position of next Secretary-General.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft'.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Power'.

H.E. Ms. Samantha Power  
President of the Security Council

To all Permanent Representatives  
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Excellencies,

In accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015, based on the General Assembly Resolution 69/321, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, I have the honor to present the candidature of Dr. Srgjan Kerim, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia and President of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia has nominated Dr. Srgjan Kerim for his extensive experience, professional skills and commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. Dr. Kerim's CV is attached herewith.

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

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H.E. Vasile Andonovski  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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

**H.E. Samantha Power**  
President of the Security Council

# Dr. Srgjan Kerim



A seasoned diplomat, economist, scholar and businessman, Dr. Kerim brings with him a wealth of experience in international political and economic affairs and extensive knowledge of the United Nations system.

With more than 30 years of international political experience, as Foreign Minister, Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia, and President of the 62nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York, Dr. Kerim has proven himself as one of the most respectable diplomatic figures on an international scale. He is a member of the Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly.

Dr. Kerim began his academic career as a professor of international economics at the University of Belgrade. In addition, he was a visiting professor at the University of Hamburg (Germany) and at New York University. He is the author of 10 books dealing with international politics, economics and youth, and has published more than 100 scholarly papers. He holds a doctorate in international economics from the University of Belgrade.

As a successful businessman, Dr. Kerim is President of the Board of Directors of Media Print Macedonia in Skopje, and in 2004 he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Politika Newspapers and Magazines in Belgrade. He has served as General Manager for South-Eastern Europe of the WAZ Media Group, since 2006 and is an Honorary President of the Macedonian – German Economic Association since 2008.

Dr. Kerim is a member of the Metropolitan Club in New York City founded in 1891 by J.P. Morgan. He is also a recipient of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Award and has been decorated with honors from nations such as Italy, Germany, Austria, the United States of America and others. Dr. Kerim has a passion for writing poetry and photography.

“The sovereignty of the individual is the one that needs strengthening, and in order to strengthen that, we must take care of human security.” Dr. Kerim



## Experience

- **President, Board of Directors**

Media Print Macedonia

2012 – Present | Skopje, Macedonia

- **Member, Council of Presidents**

United Nations General Assembly

2008 – Present

- **Special Envoy**

United Nations Secretary General on Climate Change

September 2008 – December 2009

- **President of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session**

United Nations General Assembly

2007 – 2008 | New York, United States of America

- Responding to Climate Change
- Financing for Development
- Implementing the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
- Advancing United Nations Reform
- Following up on measures to achieve the Millennium Development Goals

- **Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, United Nations

2001 – 2003

- Vice-Chairman of the International Conference of Financing for Development (Monterrey, 2002)
- Vice-Chairman of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 2002)
- Member of the group of facilitators to the President of the 56<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly
- Co-organizer of the Regional Forum on Dialogue of the Civilizations (Ohrid, 2003)

- **Chairman**

Southeastern European Cooperation Initiative

2000 – 2001 | Skopje, Macedonia

- During this period the Republic of Macedonia signed the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the European Union

- **Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia

2000 – 2001 | Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

- **Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to Switzerland and Liechtenstein**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia

1995 – 2000 | Switzerland and Liechtenstein

• **Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to Germany**  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia  
1994 – 2000 | Germany

• **Special Envoy of Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe**  
1999- 2000

• **Vice – President**  
Copechim – France  
1992 – 1994 | Paris, France

• **Deputy Minister and Spokesperson**  
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
1988 – 1991 | Belgrade, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
In charge of multilateral affairs:

- participation in the UN, G-77 and Non-Aligned Movement activities

• **Minister of Foreign Economic Relations**  
Government of the Republic of Macedonia  
1986 – 1989 | Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

• **Advisor to the President of the Sixth Session, 6<sup>th</sup> of UNCTD**  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
1983 | Belgrade, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia



## Languages

**Macedonian**  
**English**  
**French**  
**German**  
**Spanish**

**Italian**  
**Serbian**  
**Croatian**  
**Bulgarian**



## Education

**University of Belgrade**  
PhD in Economics  
1982

**University of Belgrade**  
BSC in Economics  
1971

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