



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 September 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit a letter from H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, communicating his intention to appoint Ms. Sima Sami Bahous of Jordan as Executive Director of UN-Women, following consultations with the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Chairs of Regional Groups. Ms. Bahous will succeed Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka of South Africa, who left the position on 17 August 2021.

I take this opportunity to welcome the appointment of Ms. Sima Sami Bahous and extend my congratulations to her. I wish her success in the execution of her duties and mandate to improve the lives of women and girls around the world.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Volkan Bozkir'.

Volkan BOZKIR

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



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

10 September 2021

Dear Mr. President,

Following consultations with the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Chairs of Regional Groups, I would like to inform you that I intend to appoint Ms. Sima Sami Bahous of Jordan as Executive Director of UN-Women. She will succeed Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka of South Africa, who left the position on 17 August 2021.

United Nations General Assembly resolutions 63/311 and 64/289 provide that the Executive Director shall be appointed by the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article 101 of the Charter and on the basis of equitable geographical representation and gender balance, for a term of four years, with the possibility of renewal for one term.

Ms. Bahous brings to this position extensive international, regional and national experience in advocating for women's issues with a combination of strategic leadership, consensus-building, a collaborative approach that values multi-stakeholder engagement and hands-on management. Most recently the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations in New York, Ms. Bahous previously served as Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States at the United Nations Development Programme and Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the Social Development Sector at the League of Arab States.

I should be grateful if you would bring this appointment to the attention of the members of the General Assembly.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



António Guterres

His Excellency
Mr. Volkan Bozkir
President of the seventy-fifth session of the
United Nations General Assembly
New York