

## DRAFT ELEMENTS

### APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

#### Introduction

- *Recall* General Assembly resolutions 11(1) of 1946 and 51/241 of 1997.
- *Reaffirm* that the General Assembly shall make full use of the power of appointment enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter in the process of the appointment of the Secretary-General, [OP 57 of GA res. 51/241]
- *Recognize* the need for the process of selection of the Secretary-General to be made transparent and inclusive, which will enhance the authority and effectiveness of the Secretary-General and strengthen the role of the United Nations, [In modification of OP 56 of GA res. 51/241]
- *Recognize* that in order to enhance the legitimacy of the selection process and to ensure that the selection process commands the widest possible support, the selection of the Secretary-General should be achieved through the broadest possible consultations among Member States. [new]

#### Possible elements for decision

- *Reaffirm* that in the course of the identification and appointment of the most effective and qualified candidate for the post of Secretary-General, due regard shall continue to be given to regional rotation and gender equality. [OP 59 of GA res. 51/241]
- *Reaffirm* that in order to ensure a smooth and efficient transition, the Secretary-General should be appointed no later than one month before the date on which the term of the incumbent expires. [OP 61 of GA res. 51/241]
- *Reaffirm* that the term of office of the Secretary-General shall continue to be for a period of five years and the Secretary-General shall be eligible for immediate re-appointment for a consecutive five-year term. [OP 3 of GA res. 11(1)]
- *Decide* that the General Assembly shall initiate the process of selection through consultations among Member States and with the candidates for the post of the Secretary-General, and request the Security Council to hold similar consultations. [new]
- *Decide* that the Security Council will proffer two or more well-qualified candidates for the consideration of the General Assembly; both nomination and appointment should be discussed at closed meetings, and a vote in either the Security Council or the General Assembly, if taken, should be by secret ballot. [In modification of OP 4 (d) of GA res. 11(1)]
- *Decide* that for the nomination of the Secretary-General by the Security Council, an affirmative vote of nine members, including the concurring votes of the permanent Members, is required; and that for his appointment by the General Assembly, a simple majority of that body present and voting is sufficient. [In modification of OP 4(c) of GA res. 11(1)]

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