



*Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic*

Bratislava **25** May 2016

Excellencies,

In accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, with reference to the General Assembly Resolution 69/321 adopted on 11 September 2015 and in connection with the joint letter of the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988), I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Slovak Republic has decided to nominate Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Slovakia is firmly committed to the purposes and principles of the United Nations as enshrined in its Charter. As one of the 193 Member States, my country fully and actively participates in the work of the United Nations, its organs, funds and programmes. Effective multilateralism has always been among the cornerstones of Slovakia's foreign policy.

The challenges and threats that the international community currently faces call for intensification of our collective efforts aimed at reaching consensual solutions and effective implementation of reached agreements. The implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Agreement, among others, is essential nowadays. The role of the United Nations and of its Secretary-General is indispensable in that regard.

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

**H.E. Mr. Amr Abdellatif Aboulatta**  
President of the Security Council

United Nations  
New York

As stipulated by the General Assembly Resolution 69/321, Member States are invited to present candidates with proven leadership and managerial skills, extensive experience in international relations and strong diplomatic, communication and multilingual skills. In the same spirit, the Government of the Slovak Republic has decided to nominate its Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Mr. Miroslav Lajčák.

Mr. Lajčák has dedicated his entire professional career to international relations and diplomacy. In addition to representing Czechoslovakia and Slovakia abroad, he served as Assistant to the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Balkans (1999-2001), as Personal Representative of the European Union's High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy for the Referendum on the Independence of Montenegro (2006), as High Representative of the International Community and European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2007-2009), as well as Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia in the European External Action Service (2010-2012).

He is currently in his third mandate as Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. He was re-appointed to that position by the President of the Slovak Republic on 23 March 2016, following the recent parliamentary elections in Slovakia.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Mr. Lajčák for the kind consideration of all Member States as a highly qualified and experienced candidate for the position of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations. As ever, he is dedicated to fulfil his duties and responsibilities in that regard with utmost professionalism and commitment.

The curriculum vitae of Mr. Lajčák is attached to this letter.

I kindly request that this letter is brought to the attention of all United Nations Member States.

Excellencies, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

