

Race for UN top job heats up

As the search for Ban Ki-Moon's successor intensifies, Portugal's former Prime Minister Antonio Guterres is still in the lead for the post of Secretary-General

① Place after four informal straw polls in UN Security Council



Antonio Guterres
Portugal
Prime Minister of Portugal (1995-2002), UN High Commissioner for Refugees (2005-15)



Miroslav Lajcak
Slovakia
Slovakian Minister of Foreign Affairs (2012-present), EU emissary for Bosnia and Herzegovina (2007-09)



Vuk Jeremic
Serbia
Serbia's Minister of Foreign Affairs (2007-12), President of 67th session of UN General Assembly (2012-13)



Srgjan Kerim
Macedonia
Macedonia's Foreign Minister (2000-01), President of 62nd session of UN General Assembly (2007-08)



Irina Bokova
Bulgaria
Director-general of UNESCO (2009-present), Bulgaria's Minister of Foreign Affairs (three-months in 1996-97)



Danilo Turk, Slovenia
President of Slovenia (2007-12), Ambassador to UN (1992-2000), UN Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs (2000-05)



Susana Malcorra
Argentina
Foreign Minister of Argentina (2015-present), Chef de Cabinet to Executive Office at UN (2008-12)



Helen Clark
New Zealand
Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008), Head of UN development programme (2009-present)



Natalia Gherman
Moldova
Moldova's Deputy Prime Minister (2013-16), Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (2009-13)