

Antonio Guterres to be 9th UN Secretary-General

Portugal's former Prime Minister, Antonio Guterres, 67, will replace Ban Ki-moon who steps down at the end of 2016

8 Ban Ki-moon, South Korea:
Elected in 2007 – serves two five-year terms marked by low-key style and aloof image

Achievements include overseeing global climate-change deal, promoting women's rights and ambitious new development goals

7 Kofi Annan, Ghana:
Becomes secretary-general in 1996 after U.S. vetoes Boutros-Ghali's bid for second term

Awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 2001 for revitalizing UN – including reform of Secretariat, shoring up funding, expanding peacekeeping and setting global goals to tackle poverty

Annan falls out with U.S. over Iraq War in 2003, and is later caught up in Oil for Food scandal

6 Boutros Boutros Ghali, Egypt: Elected with strong support from France after other candidates fail to win enough support

Leads world body during chaotic years marked by war in former Yugoslavia and famine and genocide in Africa



1 Trygve Lie, Norway: Elected in 1946 as compromise candidate after U.S. and Soviet Union block each other's choice at start of Cold War

Term extended by three years in 1950 but resigns in 1952, largely because of Soviet resentment over his support of UN military intervention in Korean War



2 Dag Hammarskjöld, Sweden:
Elected in 1953 after China vetoes Soviet candidate – India's **Vijayalakshmi Pandit** – and Soviet Union vetoes America's choice – Canada's **Lester Pearson**



Killed in plane crash in 1961 en route to Congo, where UN had established first peacekeeping mission

3 U Thant, Myanmar:
Appointed to serve out remainder of Hammarskjöld's term – confirmed for full five-year term in 1962. Re-elected in 1966



Criticised both West and East for actions and attitudes he considered threatened world peace

4 Kurt Waldheim, Austria:
First candidate to campaign openly for job. Elected in 1971 despite initial vetoes by China and Britain

Reputation tarnished after leaving office when it emerges he served as Nazi officer in Balkans during WWII. Files stored in UN archive

5 Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Peru:

Elected as compromise candidate after China opposes third term for Waldheim and U.S. vetoes Tanzania's **Salim Ahmed Salim**

Re-elected 1986. Helps negotiate ceasefire that ends Iran-Iraq war in 1988

