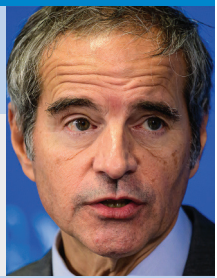
Candidates running for UN secretary-general

Four candidates are in the race to take over from outgoing UN chief António Guterres, as the world body faces mounting financial pressure and doubts over its ability to manage conflicts

RAFAEL GROSSI, 65

Director general of IAEA – UN's nuclear watchdog



Career diplomat from Argentina is father of eight and speaks seven languages

Has spent years trying to keep onside five permanent members of ***UN Security Council*** – U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France – whose backing is crucial for top job

REBECA GRYNSPAN, 70

Costa Rican economist has led UNCTAD since 2021*



Reform-minded multilateralist born to parents who fled Europe after World War II

Depicts herself as "mature leader" who has battled gender barriers and has held lifelong belief in UN and its commitment to peace, development and human rights

MACKY SALL, 64

President of Senegal for 12 years until 2024



Softly spoken geologist is son of peanut seller from poor part of West African nation

Stresses need to support developing countries burdened by debt and advocates restructuring of Security Council to include permanent members representing Africa

MICHELLE BACHELET, 74

Former Chilean president and UN human rights chief



Physician, politician and mother of three is lifelong advocate for women's rights

Has faced criticism from U.S. conservatives for her pro-choice stance on abortion and for failing to label China's actions against Uyghur Muslims a genocide

*United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

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