



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 July 2016

Excellency,

Please be advised that the President of the Security Council for the month of July, H.E. Mr. Koro Bessho, Permanent Representative of Japan of the United Nations, has informed me that the first informal straw poll of candidates for the position of the next Secretary-General has taken place earlier today among members of the Security Council, as announced in the letter dated 15 June 2016 from the President of the Security Council for the month of June.

As previously indicated, I recognize the informal nature of the straw poll and take note that the outcome of this and future informal straw polls will not be communicated. In my view, limiting the communication to the fact that the informal straw poll has taken place without any further detail adds little value and does not live up to the expectations of the membership and the new standard of openness and transparency.

Going forward, and in light of the above, future communications from my Office that informal straw polls have taken place will be conveyed via announcements on my web page as soon as they are received from the President of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York