



## Prime Minister

4 April 2016

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

H.E. Mr Liu Jieyi  
President of the Security Council  
**United Nations**

Excellencies,

For the past seventy years, the United Nations has been at the heart of our efforts to build a better world.

Today, the United Nations and the world are facing serious challenges. That is why we need a pragmatic and effective United Nations leader. It is time to elect the best person for the role of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I am therefore honoured to nominate New Zealander Helen Clark.

Helen Clark is a stateswoman of international stature – she has a proven lifelong commitment to the ideals of the United Nations Charter and deep experience in and support for the United Nations as an institution.

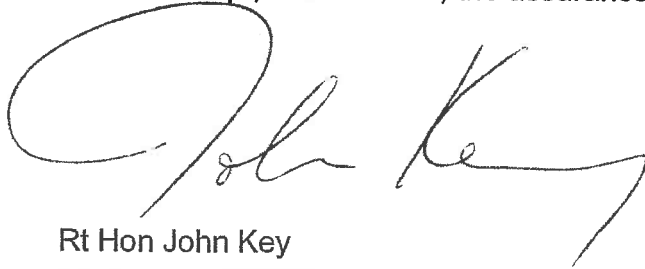
Helen Clark has the right mix of political, diplomatic, managerial and modern communication skills that are required for this role:

- One of New Zealand's longest serving Prime Ministers, Helen Clark was elected for three consecutive terms from 1999 – 2007. She led a country for nine years and was at the forefront of New Zealand's constructive, fair and independent foreign policy.
- Since 2009, Helen Clark has served in the third highest position in the United Nations – leading the UN Development Programme, coordinating the United Nations systems development activities and taking the hard decisions necessary to make the United Nations more effective.

As a New Zealander, Helen Clark is well-placed to bridge divisions and get results. I invite you to find out more about Helen Clark at [www.mfat.govt.nz/helen](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/helen). Her biography is also attached.

Helen Clark offers her total dedication to building a stronger United Nations. The New Zealand Government offers Helen Clark as the best candidate for this job.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Key', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Rt Hon John Key  
**PRIME MINISTER**