



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 July 2013

Dear Mr. President,


Following consultations with the Chairs of Regional Groups, I would like to inform you that I intend to appoint Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka of South Africa as Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women). She will succeed Ms. Michelle Bachelet of Chile, who left the position in March 2013.

General Assembly resolutions 63/311 and 64/289 provides that the Executive Director shall be appointed by the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article 101 of the Charter and on the basis of equitable geographical representation and gender balance, for a term of four years, with the possibility of renewal for one term.

Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka brings to this position extensive experience in advocating for women's issues with a combination of strategic leadership, consensus-building and hands-on management as former Deputy President of South Africa, Member of Parliament, Coordinator of the World Young Women's Christian Association and founder of the Umlambo Foundation which provides support to schools in impoverished areas in South Africa and Malawi.

I should be grateful if you would bring this appointment to the attention of the members of the General Assembly.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


BAN Ki-moon

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Letter to PGA
Re: ED UN Women
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