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## Member State Positions on the Reform of the Secretary-General Selection Process

Member State	Representative	Quote	Position Summary
<a href="#">Canada</a>	Allan Rock	"Canada wants to see procedures in place that will enable the General Assembly on a consistent basis to play its role effectively, and allow it to exercise the judgment required of it in an informed and responsible manner"	Canada would like to see a greater role for the GA in proposing candidates to the SC and overseeing the process, while not fundamentally altering the system. It also demands a public meeting with candidates before SC deliberations begin in July.
<a href="#">Brazil</a>	Ronaldo Sardenburg	"Transparency, full participation of the UN membership, and orderly process, within the framework of our Charter, are now key requirements"	Brazil would like to build off of <a href="#">Resolution 51/241</a> to create a more transparent process
<a href="#">India</a>	Nirupam Sen	"It is not for the General Assembly to send any names to the Security Council; it is for the Security Council to send a panel of names to the General Assembly which is the deciding authority, as clearly mandated by the UN Charter."	India would like to amend Resolution 11(1) so as to make the SC present 3 names to the GA which will decide upon a candidate with the broadest member state support
<a href="#">Japan</a>	Kenzo Oshima	"As the selection process reaches a more substantial stage, it will become increasingly important for Member States to be fully aware of the qualifications of candidates, hence transparency in the process."	Japan would like to see an Asian candidate elected in a more transparent and formalized process

<a href="#">Liechtenstein</a>	Christian Wenaweser	"The overall goal as stipulated in the resolution itself (51/241) must be to make the process of selection more transparent"	Liechtenstein would like to see the provisions of <a href="#">Resolution 51/241</a> implemented; namely, addressing outstanding issues such as regional rotation, timing, and term limits
<a href="#">Malaysia</a>	Hamidon Ali	"The appointment of the Secretary-General should enjoy the broad support of members of the General Assembly and this important decision should not be relegated merely at the behest of the Security Council, particularly the P 5."	Malaysia would like to build off of <a href="#">Resolution 51/241</a> to create a process by which the GA has a greater role
<a href="#">Mongolia</a>	Baatar Choisureen	"Accordingly, it might be advisable to ensure that a principal organ or even organs (GA and ECOSOC) that deal directly with development should have a greater say in the selection of the Secretary-General."	Mongolia would like the entire process to be more formalized, possibly through a new GA Resolution
<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	M. Andreas Baum	"Switzerland wishes to see more substantial, concrete, and constraining provisions. These must strengthen the transparency of the selection process, highlight its inclusive character, and bestow upon the next Secretary-General as much legitimacy as possible. "	Switzerland would like to see some institutionalized process of evaluation and selection
United States of America	John Bolton	"The issue of the Indian resolution is that it requires the Security Council to submit more than one name and that would provoke a Charter crisis."	USA does not want to see the process changed considerably, although it encourages a more open dialogue and communication between the SC and GA on the selection.

## Specific Issue Positions

Member State	Reform Process	Job Description	Timeline	Mechanism for Candidate Evaluation and Increased Transparency	Regional Rotation	Security Council Referral	Deputy Secretary-General	Term Restrictions
<a href="#">Canada</a>	clearly defined process; possibly through a new resolution	must be clearly defined	encourages an official timeline for nominations and elections	candidate presentations; one-on-one meetings with member states or regional groups	due consideration	continue the current practice of the Security Council's recommendation of one name to the GA	opposes the idea of a "running team" (SG and Deputy SG elected together)	one term of 5 or 7 years
China					yes (Asia's turn)	not opposed to the proposal that the SC offer a list of candidates to the GA		
Cuba						SC should present the GA with more than one candidate		

<a href="#">Brazil</a>			new SG should be elected at least one month before the term of the incumbent ends	opportunities for candidates to address the entire GA				
<a href="#">India</a>	amend Resolution 11(1)		considers timing unimportant for now	opportunities for meetings; platform presentations; role of the GA President in highlighting candidates and driving consensus	yes	would like a system in which 3 candidates are offered by the SC, one of which is elected by the GA		considers term limits unimportant for now
<a href="#">Japan</a>		leadership qualities; proven management responsibility; diplomatic skills	candidates should be presented in advance, but no deadlines	informal meetings with regional groups; public meetings	yes (Asia's turn)		"running team" should be considered	
<a href="#">Liechtenstein</a>	implement <a href="#">Res. 51/241</a>		must be addressed	presentations by the candidates; informal meetings with member states		continue the current practice with more transparency	would like the idea of a "running team"	one term limit

<a href="#">Malaysia</a>	amend <a href="#">Res. 51/241</a>			candidate manifestos; General Assembly vote to approve candidates	yes (Asia's turn)			
Mexico	implement <a href="#">Res. 51/241</a> as soon as possible		no deadlines	informal consultations with regional groups				
<a href="#">Mongolia</a>	new resolution	yes; emphasis on development and Millenium Development Goals	new SG should be elected at least one month before the term of the incumbent ends		yes (Asia's turn)	opposes the current practice of SC recommendation		
Russia			no deadlines	informal consultations with regional groups	yes (Asia's turn)			one term limit
<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	new resolution	yes; diplomatic experience; reform-minded; commitment to the UN; management skills		public presentation of platforms to the GA; GA President should organize this		continue the current practice		one non-renewable term

United States of America	increase transparency through informal means	yes; strong managerial skills are a priority	no deadlines	increased dialogue between SC and GA	no, merit over regional distribution	continue the current practice		
Venezuela						SC should present the GA with a list of 3 candidates		