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Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Letter dated 1 June 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

As the Chair of the Group of Western European and Other States for the month of June 2021, I have the honour to request, with reference to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the seventy-fifth session of an additional item entitled “Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations”. In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to attach an explanatory memorandum (see annex).

I kindly request that you circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) **Barbara Woodward**

Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations
Chair, Group of Western European and Other States,
for the month of June 2021



Annex

Explanatory memorandum

In line with the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 5 February 2021 ([A/75/780-S/2021/179](#)), Member States are aware that the Security Council will meet to consider a recommendation on the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Member States will also recall that, in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, “the Secretary-General shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council”.

Accordingly, it is necessary to inscribe an additional item on the agenda of the seventy-fifth session to enable the Assembly to receive and consider the recommendation of the Security Council.
