The European Union welcomes Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s announcement that he will be a candidate for reelection for a second term as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

This is very good news for the United Nations and for the international community which he has served tirelessly, and which have benefitted from the important efforts of the Secretary-General.

Over these past five years, the European Union and the United Nations under the leadership of the Secretary-General, have established an outstanding working relationship.

During a period of great turmoil on many fronts, Mr. Ban Ki-moon has ensured a steady and determined leadership.

With this declaration, the European Union renews its commitment to supporting the UN in responding to the challenges it faces across the world.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia*, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Iceland†, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Armenia and Georgia align themselves with this declaration.
* Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area