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His Excellency Mike Waltz
United States Mission to the United Nations
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New York, NY 10017
Via email and regular mail

Re: Disapprove the Bachelet Candidacy for UN Secretary-General

Your Excellency Waltz,

As you know, Secretary-General António Guterres will soon complete his term of office, and the UN Security Council will be leading the selection of his successor. Among the candidates under consideration, Michelle Bachelet of Chile has emerged as a leading contender.

We write now to respectfully share serious concerns about her candidacy, and to urge the United States to use your Security Council permanent membership to veto her selection.

Our concerns rest on two issues:

1. Around the world, men and boys face documented disadvantages in 12 areas, including health, education, child protection, family courts, criminal justice, partner abuse, homelessness, workplace mortality, and reproductive policy. These disparities are extensively documented on our website at www.menandboys.net.

For each of these 12 areas, the International Council for Men and Boys has analyzed the response of United Nations agencies and programs. In each of these areas, the ICMB has documented how UN policy has ignored the promise of the UN Charter Preamble that solemnly affirms the “equal rights of men and women,” and failed to develop programs that address the areas of male disadvantage.

2. As Executive Director of UN Women and later as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet championed a number of controversial social-policy positions. These included legal gender recognition through self-identification. She also advanced policies grounded in transgender ideology that, in our view, disregard the rights of biological women — including their privacy in single-sex facilities, their safety, and their ability to compete fairly in women’s athletics. Her response was less than robust when severe human rights violations in Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, and elsewhere called for the High Commissioner’s attention.

It also should be noted that Chilean President José Antonio Kast has publicly withdrawn his country’s support for Ms. Bachelet’s candidacy, and described her bid as “not viable.”

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For these reasons, we respectfully request that the United States:

- Use its permanent-member position on the UN Security Council to prevent Mrs. Bachelet's appointment as Secretary-General;
- Communicate that position before any informal Council sounding, so the selection process does not advance on a candidate the Council will not confirm; and
- Insist that the next Secretary-General be capable of restoring the UN to the equal-rights commitments of its founding documents.

We thank the United States for your careful consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,



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Supporting Articles and Resources:

- **Health: UN Gender Health Initiatives Reveal Significant Imbalance Between Men and Women**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/un-gender-health-initiatives-reveal-significant-imbalance-between-men-and-women/>
- **Education: UN Gender Education Initiatives Reveal Unacceptable Policy Gaps for Boys and Young Men**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/un-gender-education-initiatives-reveal-unacceptable-policy-gaps-for-boys-and-young-men/>
- **Boys: Double-Standard: UN Child Protection Framework Ignores Risks to Boys**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/double-standard-un-child-protection-framework-ignores-risks-to-boys/>
- **False Allegations: False Allegations and the United Nations: A Policy Blind Spot with Serious Consequences for Men**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/false-allegations-and-the-united-nations-a-policy-blind-spot-with-serious-consequences-for-men/>
- **Victims of Violence: United Nations Policies Silence Male Victims of Violence**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/united-nations-policies-silence-male-victims-of-violence/>
- **Parenting: UN Parenting Policies and Family Court Systems Exclude Fathers**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/un-parenting-policies-and-family-court-systems-exclude-fathers/>
- **Criminal System: United Nations Criminal Justice Policies Ignore Male Offenders and Detainees**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/united-nations-criminal-justice-policies-ignore-male-offenders-and-detainees/>
- **Partner Abuse: UN Policies Leave Male Victims of Partner Abuse Unprotected**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/un-policies-leave-male-victims-of-partner-abuse-unprotected/>
- **Homelessness: Gender Blind Spot: United Nations Neglects the Global Crisis of Male Homelessness**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/gender-blind-spot-united-nations-neglects-the-global-crisis-of-male-homelessness/>
- **Workplace: UN Workplace Policies Ignore Men Despite Highest Death Rates**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/un-workplace-policies-ignore-men-despite-highest-death-rates/>
- **Adoption and Reproductive Rights: UN Reproductive Policies Exclude Fathers From Major Family Decisions**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/un-reproductive-policies-exclude-fathers-from-major-family-decisions/>
- **Media Portrayals: UN Media Campaigns Normalize Bias Against Men**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/un-media-campaigns-normalize-bias-against-men/>
- **Conclusion: Reports Reveal the UN Gender Agenda as One-Sided, Ideological, and Indefensible**
<https://www.menandboys.net/pr/reports-reveal-the-un-gender-agenda-as-one-sided-ideological-and-indefensible/>
- **CitizenGo Petition: Stop the UN Appointing an Extreme Activist as Secretary-General**
<https://citizengo.org/en-gb/ot/18186/>
- **STOP BACHELET: Urge the US Government to VETO her at the UN**
<https://www.citizengo.org/en-us/ot/18004-stop-bachelet--urge-the-us-government-to-veto-her-at-the-un>