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Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Communication
Committee of Ministers

Letter from the Chairperson of the Ministers' Deputies to the President of the Assembly, dated 14 May 2009

Dear President,

Please find enclosed Resolution CM/Res (2009)4 on the appointment of the Secretary General, adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its 119th Ministerial Session (12 May 2009).

I take this opportunity to assure you of the intention of the Slovenian Chairmanship to pursue all efforts, in co-operation and open dialogue with the Parliamentary Assembly, to examine the existing Regulations on the appointment of the Secretary General, in the light of some of the proposals made in Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 1665, respecting the roles and prerogatives of each organ.

Yours faithfully,

signed:
Meta BOLE
Chairperson of the Ministers' Deputies

Resolution CM/Res(2009)4 on the appointment of the Secretary General

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 May 2009 at the 119th Session)

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 36.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Having regard to the Regulations relating to the appointment of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly having the rank of Deputy Secretary General;

Having regard to the decisions taken at the 117th Ministerial Session (May 2007);

Having examined the four candidatures presented by the Governments of Norway, Belgium, Hungary and Poland;

Having interviewed the four candidates;

Having consulted the representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly in the Joint Committee,

Decides to transmit to the Parliamentary Assembly, for appointment to the post of Secretary General, with effect from 1 September 2009, the following candidatures, listed in alphabetical order, with the names of the sponsoring governments in brackets:

- Mr Włodzimierz CIMOSZEWICZ (Poland);
- Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND (Norway).

WŁODZIMIERZ CIMOSZEWICZ



Born on 13th September 1950 in Warsaw. Married, has two children.

Graduated from Warsaw University Law Faculty in 1972 and obtained the degree of Doctor of Legal Sciences from Warsaw University in 1978. Was awarded the doctorate honoris causa by University of South Carolina, Appalachian State University (both in the U.S.A.) and Odessa University (Ukraine).

Between 1972 and 1985 worked as research associate and then assistant professor at Warsaw University.

Entered politics in 1989.

Served as Deputy Prime Minister and justice minister/prosecutor general in the government of Waldemar Pawlak (1993-1995) and as minister of foreign affairs in the government of Leszek Miller (2001- 2004).

He was Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland between 1996 and 1997.

He was member of the Board of the Inter-Parliamentary Union between 1989-1991 and member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe between 1992 and 1996.

In the Tenth Term Sejm (lower Chamber of Parliament) of the Polish People's Republic, was deputy chairman of the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities and member of the Constitutional Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee.

In the First Term Sejm of the Republic of Poland was member of the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities, Foreign Affairs Committee, Committee on the Europe Agreement, Special Committee to Consider the Proposed Act on Sejm Elections, Special Committee examining constitutional provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and provisions introducing the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Constitutional Committee of the National Assembly.

In the Second Term Sejm of the Republic of Poland, was member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Special Committee to Consider the Proposed Constitutional Acts on the Amendment of the Constitutional Act on the Procedure of Drawing up and Adopting the Constitution of the Republic of Poland, and chairman of the National Assembly Constitutional Committee.

In the Third Term Sejm of the Republic of Poland was member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, European Integration Committee and National Assembly Regulatory Committee on the Adoption of Regulations of the National Assembly Convened in Connection with Oath-taking by the Newly Elected President of Poland.

Between 1995 and 1996 Deputy Chairman of the Fourth Term Sejm.

From 1998 to 2000 he was member of the Provincial Parliament of the region of Podlaskie.

Since 2006, academic teacher at University of Białystok.

Currently member of the upper Chamber of the Parliament of the Republic of Poland.

Member of the Democratic Left Alliance Party.

THORBJØRN JAGLAND, PRESIDENT OF THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT (STORTING)



Thorbjørn Jagland is President of the Norwegian Parliament (Storting) since 2005 and Member of Parliament from Buskerud County since 1993

Mr. Jagland was born on 5 November 1950 in Drammen, Norway. He is married to Hanne Grotjord. They have two children.

CABINET POSITIONS

v Prime Minister, 1996-1997

v Minister of Foreign Affairs, 2000-2001

PARLIAMENTARY POSITIONS

v President of the Norwegian Parliament (Storting) since 2005

v Member of Parliament since 1993

v Member of the Standing Committee on Defence and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee, since 2005

v Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee, 2001-2005

v Chairman of the EEA Consultative Committee since 2000-2005, member of the Committee 1994-1996 and again from 1997-2000

v Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee, 1993-1996 and 1997-2000, Chairman of the Committee for two months in 2000,

EUROPEAN AND TRANSATLANTIC PARLIAMENTARY POSITIONS

v Head of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament, 2001-2005

v Member of the Norwegian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, 2001-2005

v Member of the Norwegian delegation to the Nordic Council, 1993-1996 and 1997-2000

v Head of the Norwegian delegation at the Second Summit of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg 1997

v Member of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament, 1993-1996 and 1997-2000

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL POSITIONS

v Chairman of the Board of Directors, Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights since 2006

v Chair of the Socialist International Middle East Committee, 2000-2006

v Member of the Sharm El-Sheikh Fact-Finding Commission ("Mitchell Commission"), 2000-2001

v Vice President of the Socialist International since 1999

v Member of the International Board of Governors, Peres Center for Peace since 1997

v Chair of the Socialist International Finance and Administration Committee, 1987-1992

NATIONAL POLITICAL POSITIONS

v Chairman of the Norwegian Labour Party, 1992-2002

v Party secretary of the Labour Party, 1987-1992

v Secretary of the Labour Party Programme Committee, 1986-1989

v Chairman of the Labour Party International Committee since 1986

- v Acting party secretary of the Labour Party, 1986-87
- v Secretary of the Labour Party Committee on Disarmament since 1982
- v Chairman of the Norwegian Labour Youth League, 1977-1981
- v Chairman of the Labour Youth League, Buskerud County, 1973-1976

ELECTED POSITIONS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- v Member of Buskerud County Council, 1975-1983

PUBLICATIONS

In the course of his political career, Mr. Jagland has published a large number of articles and publications on Norwegian and international issues, in particular on European issues. In 1990, Mr. Jagland published the book "*Min europeiske drøm*" ("*My European Dream*").

EDUCATION

- v Degree in Economics, University of Oslo, 1975