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#### UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT

The purpose of the debate between candidates for Secretary-General of the United Nations was to provide transparency to civil society and member states of the United Nations about the platform of the candidates.

The debate was held on 12 July 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York City, New York, United States.

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This was a first-ever attempt at transparency on behalf of the United Nations to allow the world a glimpse at the process and slate of candidates. The debates received media coverage worldwide. It gave me insight into the leadership styles and ideas of potential world leaders. Truly, this is the highest diplomatic position in the world, to lead the United Nations as Secretary-General. Four candidates were women and four were men, reflective of the SDGs for gender equality. They represented Eastern European countries, South and Central America, New Zealand and Portugal. Ultimately, the Security Council recommends a final candidate who is approved by the General Assembly. Antonio Guterres of Portugal was elected. He is the former Prime Minister of Portugal and the former UN High Commissioner for Refugees. It was important to be present as a part of the group that was able to bear witness to this historic and unprecedented world event to network and affirm our commitment to understanding and disseminating information about significant UN events.