



NEWSROOM RULES

What gets filed — and what doesn't

A snapshot of the editorial decision rules used during The Stringer experiment

The Stringer

Initial framework

Wire voice

UNSG race · 2026

ACCEPT

File it

Material tied to a candidate or to the Secretary-General selection itself.

- Meetings, travel, interviews, campaign events
- Endorsements, nominations, support, or opposition
- Substantive statements or proposals
- Credible reporting that adds something new
- Formal selection process and Security Council moves

REJECT

Leave it off

Watching an account does not make every post news.

- General UN, General Assembly, or Security Council chatter
- Guterres's ordinary day-to-day work
- Unrelated candidate day-job activity
- Casual speculation, spam, name collisions
- Reposts of stories already filed

DEDUPLICATION

One story, one filing

- Same interview, meeting, or event = one development
- Prefer the fuller original when several accounts carry it
- Re-file only if a later post adds real new information

SOURCE QUALITY

Credible, not just viral

- Candidate and official mission accounts
- Credible journalists and established news organizations
- Reputable NGOs, institutions, and analysis
- Reject unsupported claims, spam, anonymous speculation, and engagement bait

VOICE

Wire, not analysis

- Report what happened, who said it, when, and the evidence
- No “why it matters,” momentum calls, rankings, or the bot's own political analysis
- Attribute criticism and commentary to the source