



# Secretary-General's Report to the General Assembly

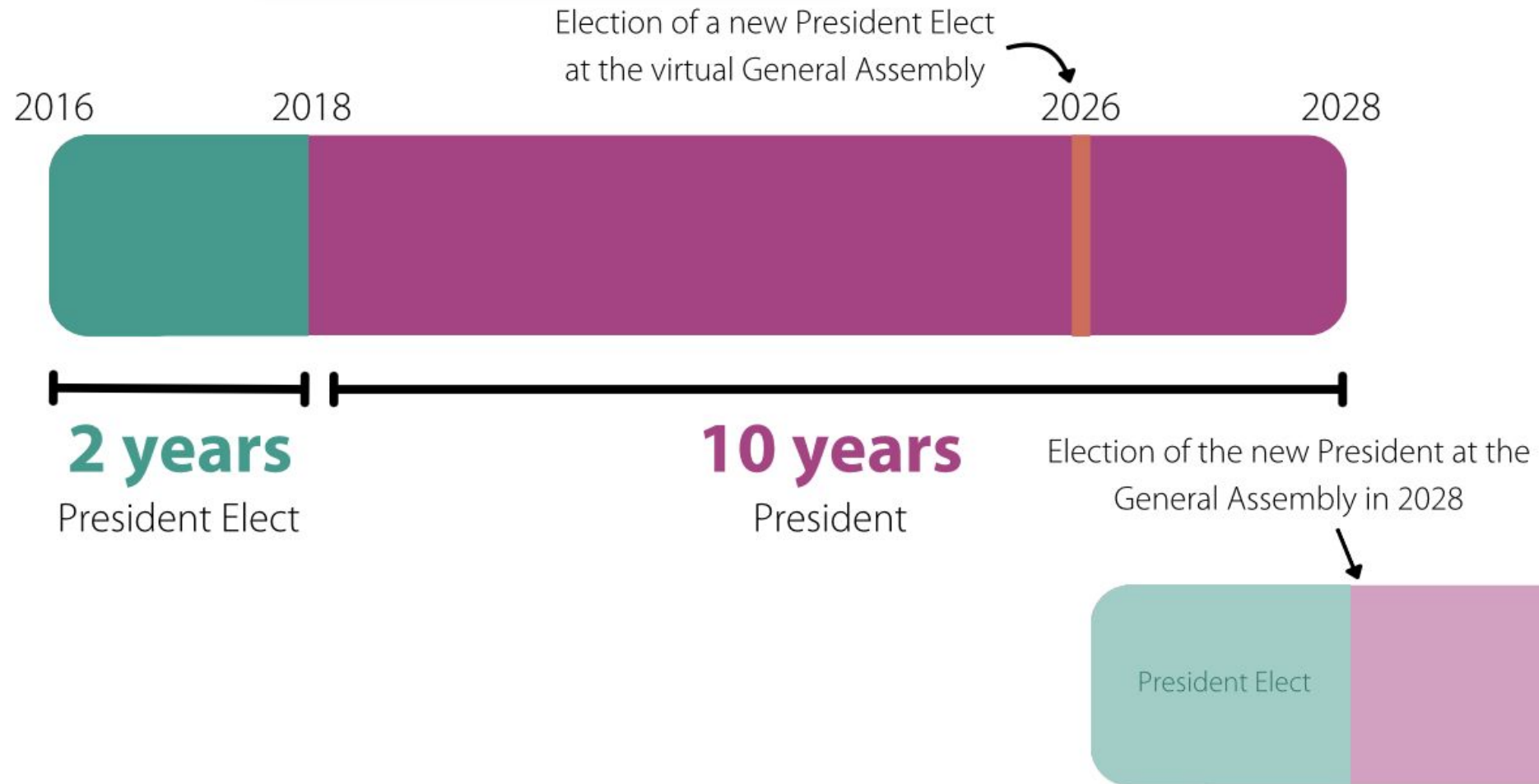
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# Secretary General Updates



1. Updated plans for the term of the President (Sue Swenson)
2. New joint membership system with Inclusion MENA

# President Term



# Election of the President–Elect: 2026



- Instead of voting in a new President–Elect at the World Congress in 2025, Council approved a timeline change – they will be elected at the Virtual General Assembly in 2026.
- This delay would help us make sure that things are stable as we start working with our new Executive Director.

# Terms for our Current President, Sue Swenson – 2026–2028



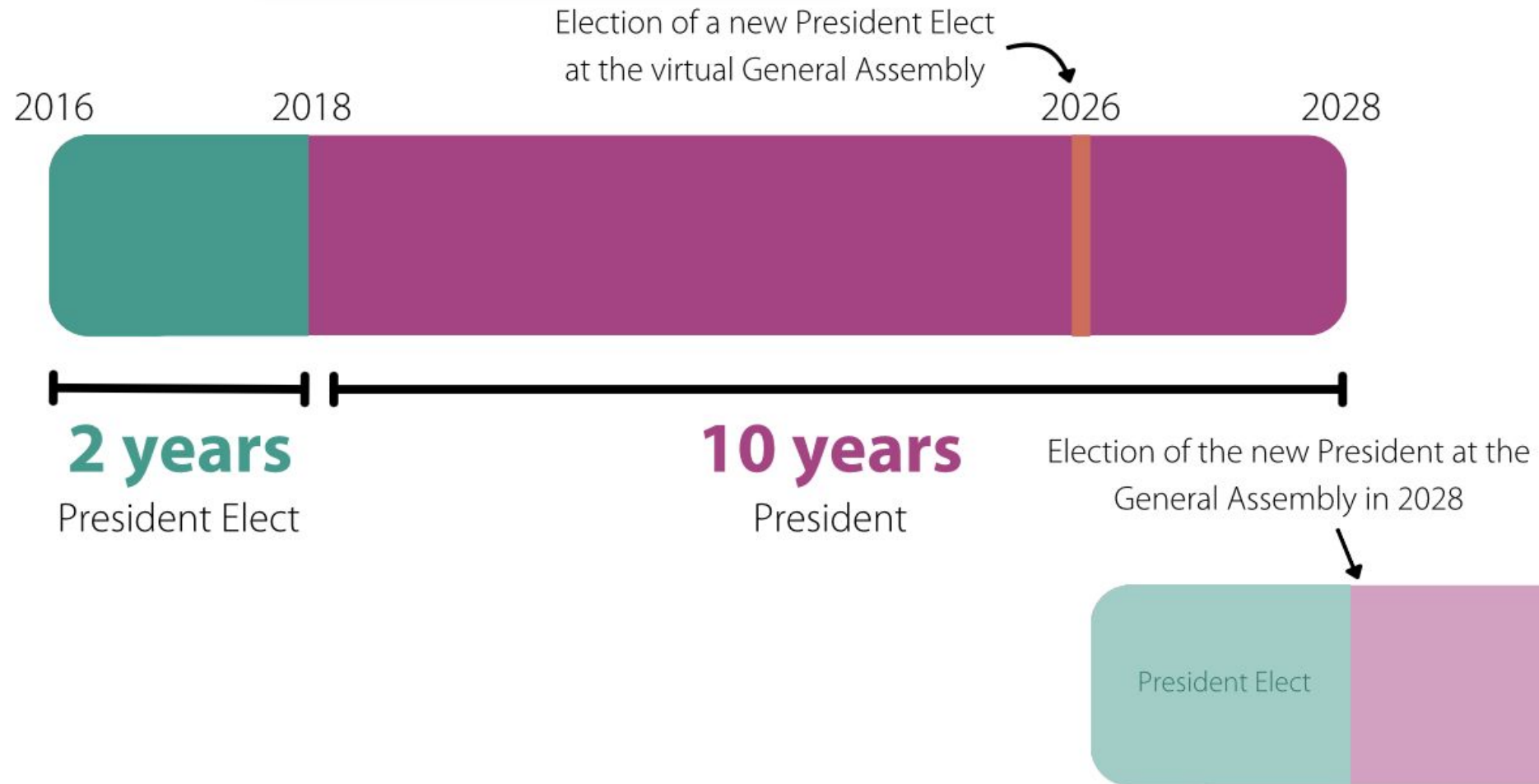
- Sue will run for one more term as our President, from 2026–2028. This means that we don't have two big changes – a new Executive Director and a new President – happening at once.
- 2026 to 2028 will be Sue's last two years as an Officer. In 2028 Sue will have served as an Officer for 12 years. 12 years is the maximum time a person can be an Officer. After that, she will not run for another two years in the Past President role, which many Presidents do.

# Election of Our New President 2028



- This person will have already become the President-Elect in 2026, so they would have had two years to learn from Sue during her final 2 years as President.

# President Term



# Joint Membership: Inclusion MENA



- Joint membership will mean that organisations join Inclusion International and Inclusion MENA at the same time – this makes it easier to become part of our network.
- Organisations will pay one membership fee to be part of both Inclusion International and Inclusion MENA.
- Inclusion International already has joint membership with Inclusion Africa.



# Joint Membership: Inclusion MENA



- Mariette Ziade is the MENA Regional Representative on Council, and Manel Mhiri is the Director of Advocacy at Inclusion International and staff contact person for the MENA region.
- Mariette and Manel are having interviews with current members of Inclusion MENA to learn more about their work and to make sure they all meet our Statement of Unity.
- Mariette and Manel will present current members of Inclusion MENA to the Membership Committee to approve them joining Inclusion International.
- These new members will then need to be approved by the Council, and then the General Assembly.

# Joint Membership: Inclusion MENA



- Moving forwards, Inclusion International and Inclusion MENA will establish a joint application process.
- We will work together to decide how joint membership fees will work.
- Inclusion MENA will form a Membership Committee.
- We will sign an agreement that explains how joint membership will work for both organisations.