



4 February 2015. □ Nine Danish ministers, past and present, have nominated the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mogens Jensen, the Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation and eight of his predecessors argue that the goals have been a significant contribution to global development over the past 15 years and that efforts to help the world's poor deserve the honour of a nomination to receive the prestigious award in 2015 – the target year of the ambitious goals.

“The goals have contributed to very tangible results, such as a halving of global poverty and ensuring that 9 out of 10 children now attend school,” Mogens Jensen the Danish Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation said in a [statement](#) .

“They have brought together the world community around a vision of creating development, stability and better conditions in every corner of the world. They have contributed to the fight for a more peaceful world and therefore deserve to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. I am

delighted that Denmark's former ministers for development have joined in a common front to wholeheartedly support the nomination."

Efforts in connection with the 2015 goals were driven both by governments and civil societies, while UN development agencies also played a key role in their implementation. The goals united people across the globe in the fight for a better and more just world.

The 2015 goals are expected to be succeeded by new global sustainability goals during this year's UN General Assembly in the autumn.

The Nobel Peace Prize is one of five awards established by Swede Alfred Nobel in his will. The Nobel Peace Prize, awarded annually by the Norwegian Nobel Committee in December at Oslo City Hall, is considered to be one of the world's most prestigious awards. The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize was 1 February 2015.