

UN chief praises 'vision, tenacity' of the late Helmut Kohl, chancellor who reunited Germany

16 June 2017 – United Nations [Secretary-General](#) António Guterres has lauded the vision and tenacity of the former Chancellor of Germany, Helmut Kohl, who died today at the age of 87.

A statement issued by the Secretary-General's Spokesman, Stéphane Dujarric, said Mr. Guterres [learned with great sadness](#) of Mr. Kohl's passing.

Noting that Mr. Kohl was Germany's longest-serving chancellor, the statement said that he played an instrumental role in the peaceful reunification of his country, within a year of the fall of the Berlin Wall, and helped set a course for the historic process of Europe's political and economic integration.

Today's Europe is a product of his vision and his tenacity, in the face of enormous obstacles, said the statement, which extended the UN Secretary-General's condolences to Mr. Kohl's family and to the Government and people of Germany.



Helmut Kohl (left) meets with former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. UN Photo/Evan Schneider



Helmut Kohl (left) meets with former UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali. UN Photo



Helmut Kohl (left) meets with former UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuella (center). UN Photo



Helmut Kohl (left) pays courtesy call on former UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. UN Photo