



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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5 July 2007

Excellency,

Further to the adoption of Resolution 1757 (2007) of 30 May 2007 on the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (the "Special Tribunal"), I have the honour to write to you with regard to the establishment of a Management Committee for the Special Tribunal.

As you are aware, ensuring the cooperation and assistance of interested States in the establishment and continued operation of the Special Tribunal is crucial to its functioning.

I should recall that, in accordance with article 6 of the annexed document to Resolution 1757 (2007), "[t]he parties shall consult concerning the establishment of a Management Committee."

Accordingly, I would like to obtain your Government's approval for the establishment of the Management Committee for the Special Tribunal. In general terms, the Committee would (i) provide advice and policy direction on all non-judicial aspects of the operation of the Special Tribunal, including questions of efficiency, and (ii) perform other functions as agreed by the members of the Committee.

The Committee would include among its members important contributors to the Special Tribunal and possibly also representatives of other States who could play a constructive role in the process.

His Excellency  
Mr. Fouad Siniora  
Prime Minister of the  
Lebanese Republic  
Beirut

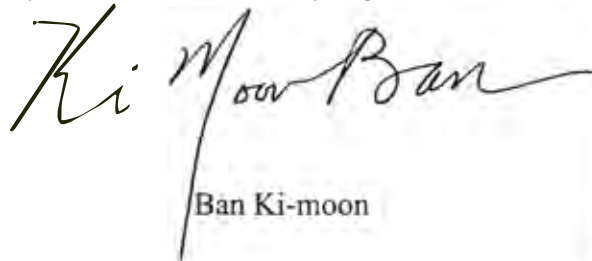


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In order to allow for the expeditious establishment of the Committee once it becomes clear who its other members should be, I would propose that we agree as of now that the United Nations be entrusted with the task of establishing the Management Committee, including the drafting of the terms of reference (i.e. mandate, composition and functions) in consultation with your Government.

In view of the critical importance of the role of the Management Committee for the Special Tribunal, I look forward to receiving your reply in the near future.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki" and last name "Ban" being more prominent than the middle name "Moon".

Ban Ki-moon

① URGENT

Note to the Secretary-General

Through Mr. Vijay Nambiar



Establishment of the Management Committee for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

1. Further to the adoption of Resolution 1757(2007) of 30 May 2007 establishing the Special Tribunal for Lebanon ("Special Tribunal"), please find attached a draft letter addressed to Prime Minister Fouad Siniora regarding the setting up of a Management Committee for the Special Tribunal.

2. As you may recall, article 6 of the annexed document to Resolution 1757(2007) states that "[t]he parties shall consult concerning the establishment of a Management Committee."

3. Establishing a Management Committee is crucial and urgent. Crucial because that Committee – which would include among its members major contributors to the Special Tribunal and possibly also other States – could play a decisive role in the operation of the Special Tribunal, especially at its initial stage. Urgent because the Government of Lebanon, as it currently stands, will most likely give its approval for the creation of the Committee. However, such approval could not be guaranteed, should the composition of the Government change.

4. Thus the attached letter proposes that (i) the Government be invited to give its formal approval on the principle of creating a Management Committee; and (ii) the United Nations be entrusted with the task of setting it up, including drafting its terms of reference (i.e. mandate, composition and functions) "in consultation with the Government of Lebanon." Once officially approved by the Government of Lebanon, the Management Committee will therefore be established by the United Nations in consultation with the Lebanese authorities.

N. Michel

Nicolas Michel  
3 July 2007

Mr. Nambiar,  
For approval. I have  
checked with Andrew  
and he's on board.

Paul  
Cass  
5 July 07

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