



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 February 2009

Excellency,

Upon my return to New York, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the warm hospitality you provided to me, as well as my delegation, during my recent visit to Lebanon.

I greatly enjoyed the dinner, which you so generously hosted in the presence of such distinguished guests. I value our in-depth and frank exchange on Gaza and applaud your commitment to Resolution 1701 (2006).

I wish to add my deep appreciation for the excellent support and assistance the Lebanese Government provided us during our stay in Lebanon. I am aware of the additional burden these movements imposed on the logistics surrounding the preparation of my visit. I am, hence, all the more appreciative of the courtesies extended by your Government.

Let me also express my sincere gratefulness for the strong partnership between Lebanon and the entire United Nations family. I look forward to our continued close cooperation in the period ahead.

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

  
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Fouad Siniora  
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Beirut