



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

15 March 2007

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to transmit the seventh report of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission (UNIIC), which was prepared pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1595 (2005), 1636 (2005), 1644 (2005) and 1686 (2006).

The report details progress made by the Commission since its previous report dated 12 December 2006 in investigating the February 2005 assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and 22 other victims, and in providing technical assistance to the Lebanese authorities in their investigation of a number of other attacks perpetrated in Lebanon since 1 October 2004.

This report provides information on the Commission's progress in the investigation of the Hariri case, with a particular emphasis on developing crime scene leads and collecting evidence relating to perpetrators as well as linkage and context aspects of the case. The Commission also continued to provide significant technical assistance on 15 other cases, pursuing possible linkages between these and the Hariri case. It has also worked in conjunction with the Lebanese authorities on the investigation of the 13 February 2007 bombings in which three people were killed and at least 20 people were injured when two explosions occurred on two buses travelling through the village of Ain Alaq, near Beirut.

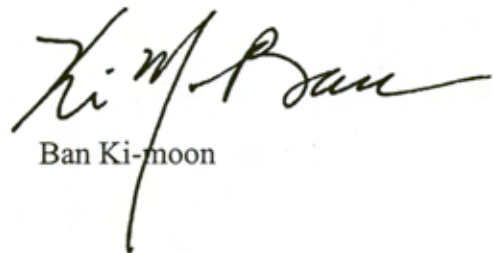
I wish to take this opportunity to express thanks to Commissioner Brammertz for his leadership and to the staff of the Commission for their dedication and commitment in often demanding circumstances.

His Excellency
Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo
President of the Security Council
New York

I also wish to thank the Government of the Republic of Lebanon for its enduring cooperation with, and support for, the Commission. In addition, I would like to welcome the request of the Lebanese Government transmitted in Prime Minister Siniora's letter of 21 February 2007 for a further extension of UNIIIC's mandate for a period up to one year from 15 June 2007.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council. Meanwhile, I am transmitting the report to the Government of Lebanon.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Ban Ki-moon