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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached a note from Guéhenno seeking your approval for UNIFIL Force Commander to provide the DPKO section of the briefing during the SC consultations concerning the SG's report on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006) on Tuesday 27 November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Haysom'.

Nicholas Haysom
20 November 2007

cc: KWS

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Note to Mr. Nambiar

Briefing to the Security Council on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006)

1. As you are aware, the Security Council is holding consultations concerning the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006) on Tuesday 27 November. While DPA normally provides the briefing on the political aspects of resolution 1701 (2006), and DPKO follows with UNIFIL-related aspects, we understand that, on this occasion, the Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Mr. Geir Pedersen, will be traveling to New York to provide the DPA section of the briefing.
2. The Security Council has recently shown interest in a number of detailed operational aspects regarding UNIFIL activities and the Mission's cooperation with the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF). At the same time, there have been a growing number of allegations from Israel stating that Hizbullah is rebuilding its military presence inside UNIFIL's area of operations, as well as reports from Hizbullah themselves that they conducted 'military manoeuvres' south of the Litani River. For these reasons, we believe that the Council might benefit from hearing directly from the Force Commander so that he may provide a situation report from the area of operations and answer questions from Council members.
3. Further to consultation with the Security Council Secretariat, we seek your approval to invite the UNIFIL Force Commander to provide the DPKO section of the briefing. Naturally, should the situation within Lebanon deteriorate over the next week we would rescind the invitation and the Force Commander would remain in UNIFIL's area of operations.
4. Should you approve this request, pursuant to your memorandum of 24 September, the briefing will be finalized by DPKO and we will provide you with a copy for information.

 Jean-Marie Guéhenno
19 November 2007

cc: Mr. Pascoe
Mr. Heitmann



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briefings earlier? What is
the Strategy Unit in HPKO
doing?

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