



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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4 August 2008

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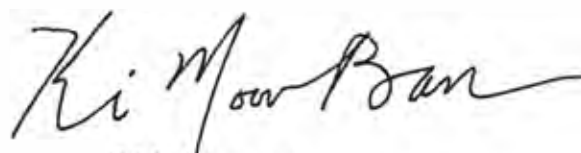
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Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
and Cooperation of Spain  
Madrid

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Mr. Carsten Staur  
Permanent Representative of Denmark  
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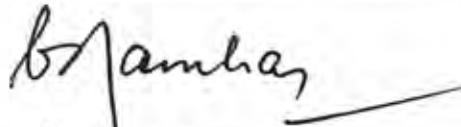
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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached, for your approval and SG's signature, letters addressed to the Foreign Ministers of Spain and Denmark.

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Nicholas Haysom  
1 August 2008

cc: KWS  
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**MESSAGE:**

Please find attached for the Secretary-General signature two draft letters in reply to one sent jointly by the Foreign Ministers of Spain and Denmark.

**Drafter:** Michael Contet (7.7025)

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THE MINISTER FOR  
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3 July 2008

H.E. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary General United Nations  
New York

Dear Secretary:

After years of stagnation and violence, real opportunities for peace are developing in the Middle East. In the Annapolis conference last year, the international community gathered around the parties, Israel, the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon, to formalize our commitment with a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region.

Admittedly, hopes have been raised before, only to be tragically dashed afterwards. We nevertheless believe that it may be different this time. There is an unprecedented level of consensus around the two-state solution. The European Union has emerged as a committed and engaged actor working alongside the United States, Russia and the United Nations in the Middle East Quartet. The Arab League has formulated a historic Peace Initiative. Above all, the parties themselves have taken the negotiations in their own hands, and they have shown political will to pursue them in a synchronized and determined fashion.

Furthermore, the indirect peace talks between Israel and Syria under the auspices of Turkey are a positive step in the direction of peace in the region.

Very recently, Michel Sleiman has been elected President with the consensus of all the Lebanese political forces after the Doha agreement, thus achieving a breakthrough in order to end the political deadlock that paralysed the institutions of Lebanon. There is a real opportunity for the Lebanese to put their country back on track towards progress, stability and peace.

Although many obstacles and challenges remain, these elements are quite positive in themselves and could help to build a new momentum. The international community should continue to encourage the parties and to support them wherever possible.

Among the various possibilities of reinforcing this positive trend, there is a particular one, the Shebaa Farms issue, that deserves careful consideration.



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If progress was achieved on this issue, positive effects would reverberate across the region. Involving three parties, Israel, Lebanon and Syria, it would significantly increase regional stability, as well as contributing to consolidate the recent improvement in the internal Lebanese arena, and also on the bilateral relationship between Syria and Lebanon.

Security Council Resolution 1701(2006) and the subsequent reports of the Secretary General of the United Nations on its implementation provide an excellent framework and window of opportunity to address this issue. In this context, the Secretary General could discuss with the parties and propose possible formulas to advance in the implementation of this important element of Resolution 1701(2006).

We have reasons to believe that the Lebanese and Syrian authorities could be supportive of this course of action. We hope that the rest of the actors involved may also take a positive approach and take specific steps under the leadership of the UN Secretary General.

Minister for Foreign Affairs  
and Cooperation of Spain

Miquel Àngel Moratinos

Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Denmark

Per Stig Møller





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Mr. Vijay Nambiar  
Under-Secretary-General  
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Mr. Under-Secretary-General,

Following our meeting with the Ambassador of Denmark on 18 July, please find attached the original letter addressed to the Secretary General by Minister Moratinos and Minister Stig Moller on the Middle East Peace Process and the Shebaa Farms.

Please accept, Mr. Under-Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Iñigo de Palacio España  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.