



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 October 2007

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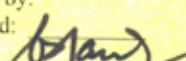
Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1757 (2007), the provisions relating to the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon entered into force on 10 June 2007.

Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Annex to the resolution sets out the financing mechanism of the Special Tribunal. In particular, it provides that 49 per cent of the expenses of the Tribunal shall be borne by the Government of Lebanon, while 51 per cent shall be borne by voluntary contributions from States. You will also note that according to paragraph 2 of the above article, "the Secretary-General will commence the process of establishing the Tribunal when he has sufficient contributions in hand to finance the establishment of the Tribunal and twelve months of its operations plus pledges equal to the anticipated expenses of the following 24 months of the Tribunal's operation."

I wish to express my gratitude to your Government for having approved a \$5 million contribution to finance the Special Tribunal. This represents the first contribution to the Tribunal.

As indicated in my Report submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 1757 (2007) on 5 September 2007 (S/2007/525), as far as operational funds are concerned, it is estimated that the Special Tribunal will require a total budget of \$35 million for the first 12 months of its operation - exclusive of costs related to the preparation of the premises - \$45 million for the second 12 months, and \$40 million for the third 12 months. As far as establishment costs are concerned, the amount necessary will be determined at a later stage, as the necessary information becomes available. A United Nations trust fund to receive funds for the Special Tribunal was established on 26 July 2007 (bank account details attached).

His Excellency
Mr. Nawaf Salam
Permanent Representative of Lebanon
to the United Nations
New York

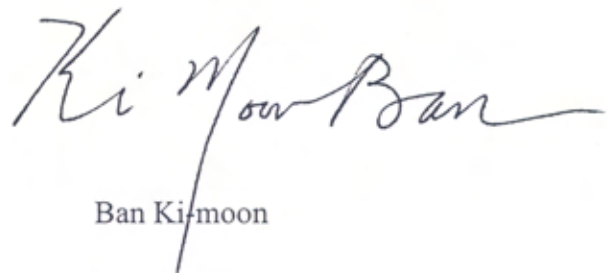
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Lebanon
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I invite your Government to contribute 49 per cent of the amount set forth above for the Special Tribunal's first 12 months of operation. Additionally, please indicate any pledges your Government is disposed to make for funding, equipment, or services for the following 24 months of the Special Tribunal's operation.

In view of the time needed for the establishment of the Special Tribunal and the need to have an accurate overall assessment of potential contributions, I would be grateful if a response to this appeal is given at the latest by 30 November 2007.

I look forward to our continuing cooperation in our common goal of ending impunity in Lebanon for the crimes under the Tribunal's jurisdiction.

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

Financial contributions designated for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon should be transferred to the following bank account:

Account Name:	United Nations General Trust Fund
Bank Name:	J. P. Morgan Chase
Bank Address:	International Agencies Banking 1166 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036-2708 USA
Account #:	485-001969
ABA #:	021-000-021
Swift Code:	CHASUS33
Reference:	Trust Fund for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon