

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 February 2009

Excellency,

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 also appreciated the productive meetings I had with you, the Prime Minister and the Speaker of Parliament.

I greatly valued our exchange on the issues of Gaza, the upcoming parliamentary elections in Lebanon and Resolution 1701 (2006). I reiterate my intention to dispatch a humanitarian assessment team to Gaza, as well as my intention to organize an international donor conference to help the reconstruction. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your efforts to ensure stability in Lebanon, as well as your leadership in bringing together Lebanese leaders.

I am most grateful for the strong partnership between your country and the entire United Nations family, and I look forward to our continued close cooperation in the years ahead.

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



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
General Michel Sleiman  
President of the Republic of Lebanon  
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