



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

27 June 2007

Excellency,

Further to our recent telephone conversation, I write to convey my heartfelt condolences to you and to the families of the six members of the Spanish Army killed on 24 June while serving in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). I am outraged by the terrorist attack on their convoy and deeply regret their senseless deaths. UNIFIL is currently investigating the incident, and the Government of Lebanon has assured me that it will do all it can to bring the perpetrators to justice.

I am particularly grateful for Spain's strong commitment to UNIFIL. The Spanish contingent provides an extremely important presence in southern Lebanon, and is highly regarded both for the way it carries out its peacekeeping duties, and for its public outreach activities, within the Force itself and with the local population. At this time of mourning, allow me to assure you that the United Nations will not be deterred from carrying out its work in southern Lebanon, as mandated by the Security Council. I fervently hope that your Government will continue to provide UNIFIL with critical support.

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



Ban Ki-moon

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