



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 February 2009

Excellency,

Upon my return to New York, 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 Beirut.

I greatly valued our exchange on the issue of Gaza and I reiterate my intention to dispatch a humanitarian assessment team, 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 commitment to Resolution 1701 (2006).

Let me also express my sincere gratefulness for the strong partnership between Lebanon and the entire United Nations family, and I look forward to our continued close cooperation in the period ahead.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban".

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Nabih Berri
Speaker of the House of Parliament
of the Republic of Lebanon
Beirut