

UNSG Launches Special Tribunal

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SECRETARY-GENERAL LAUNCHES MEASURES TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1757 (2007)

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The following statement was issued today by the Spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

The Secretary-General has begun, pursuant to resolution 1757 (2007), to undertake the steps and measures necessary to establish the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in a timely manner. As of 10 June, since the United Nations had not been notified in writing by the Government of Lebanon that the legal requirements for entry into force had been complied with, the document annexed to resolution 1757 (2007), has entered into force. In establishing the Tribunal, the Secretary-General will work in coordination with the Government of Lebanon wherever appropriate. He will report to the Security Council within 90 days of the adoption of the resolution on its implementation. The Secretary-General believes that the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon will make an important contribution towards ending impunity for the crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the Special Tribunal.