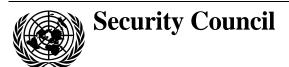
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The mandate of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon ("Special Tribunal") expires on 29 February 2012. Article 21, paragraph 2, of the Annex to Security Council resolution 1757 (2007) provides that if the Special Tribunal's work has not been completed by the end of its current mandate "the Agreement shall be extended to allow the Tribunal to complete its work, for a further period(s) to be determined by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Government [of Lebanon] and the Security Council."

As the work of the Special Tribunal is not complete, and in line with the recommendations of the late former President, Judge Antonio Cassese, and current President, Judge David Baragwanath, and having consulted with the Government of Lebanon and the members of the Security Council, I intend to extend the mandate of the Special Tribunal for a period of three years from 1 March 2012.

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) BAN Ki-moon



