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Letter dated 18 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the command of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), established by Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978.

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Major General Paolo Serra (Italy) as Head of Mission and Force Commander of UNIFIL. Major General Paolo Serra will replace Major General Alberto Asarta Cuevas, who will relinquish the post on 28 January 2012.

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

(Signed) BAN Ki-moon



