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Letter dated 21 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the draft letter to the Secretary-General on the establishment of a Special Tribunal for Lebanon, which was circulated on 20 November 2006 to the members of the Security Council under silence procedure.

I would like to inform you that our understanding of this draft letter is that the Security Council invites the Secretary-General to proceed together with the Republic of Lebanon to finalize the necessary steps for the conclusion of the draft agreement in accordance with the requirements of the Lebanese Constitution. This requires a constitutional process in Lebanon consisting of many stages, not the least important of which is the approval of the President of the Republic of Lebanon and the Lebanese Parliament.

The draft agreement and the statute of the Special Tribunal will not come into force until all such constitutional requirements are met.

With this understanding, we have no objection to the aforementioned draft letter.

I should be grateful if you could circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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