Letter dated 12 August 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), which was adopted on 11 August 2006. As indicated in my statement to the Security Council before the vote, I have undertaken to establish with both parties the exact date and time at which the cessation of hostilities, called for in paragraph 1 of resolution 1701 (2006), will come into effect. It has been agreed by the Prime Minister of Israel and the Prime Minister of Lebanon that the cessation of hostilities will come into effect at 0500 GMT on 14 August 2006.

I have confirmed this arrangement in writing with both Prime Ministers, and outlined our expectations of how all concerned will fulfil their obligations with respect to the cessation of hostilities.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter urgently to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan