

## **Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on Lebanon**

**New York, 22 May 2007 -**

The Secretary-General deplores the criminal attacks carried out over the past several days against the Lebanese Army and security forces. These actions constitute an assault on Lebanon's stability and sovereignty, and have seriously endangered civilians. They must halt immediately.

The Secretary-General also deplores today's attack on UNRWA's humanitarian supply convoy, and expressed his grave concern about the conditions for Palestinians living in Nahr el-Bared refugee camp. He calls for the immediate establishment of safe corridors to allow medical staff to assist and evacuate those in need. He is deeply saddened by the civilian casualties that have resulted and he appeals to all concerned to do their utmost to avoid further bloodshed.

The Secretary-General also strongly condemns the second terrorist bombing that took place yesterday in the Verdun district of Beirut. He appeals to the Lebanese people to unite in confronting the challenges facing their country.

The Secretary-General is continuing to monitor this situation very closely and is in contact with Prime Minister [Fouad] Siniora and other regional leaders to help alleviate the situation.

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