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Note to the Secretary-General

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UNIIC Mandate Extension

1. This is in response to a request from EOSG for clarification regarding the / extension of UNIIC's mandate.
2. According to SC resolution 1595 (April 2005) the mandate of UNIIC was confined to a maximum of six months from the day that UNIIC commenced its full operations (OP 8). The mandate was divided in two parts – (i) the Security Council authorised an initial three month mandate (from the date of the commencement of operations) and, (ii) it authorized the Secretary-General to extend UNIIC's mandate for an additional three months if he deemed it necessary. According to this arrangement, the six-month mandate of UNIIC expires on 15 December 2005.
3. SC resolution 1636 (October 2005) provides that the Security Council "will extend the mandate further if recommended by the Commission and requested by the Lebanese Government" (OP 8). It is expected that UNIIC would recommend a mandate extension. We also understand that the Lebanese Government has requested that the mandate of UNIIC be extended. In such a case, the Council will likely request the extension sometime soon after Mr. Mehlis' briefing next Tuesday, 13 December. ||

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