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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 June 2006

Dear Mr. Moreno-Ocampo,

I refer to my letter to you of 21 December 2005 regarding the appointment of Mr. Serge Brammertz as Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission (UNIIC) and requesting the agreement of your Office to release him for a period of six months. I am grateful for your assistance in this regard. I wish to inform you that Mr. Brammertz's leadership of the UNIIC is widely considered by interested States, in particular the Government of Lebanon, to be highly effective and professional.

The mandate of UNIIC will expire on 15 June 2006. The Security Council is now considering a request by the Government of Lebanon to extend the Commission's mandate for an additional year. Based on our consultations, it appears that there is broad support on the Council for the Lebanese request. If the Council chooses to extend the Commission's mandate, it will be necessary to consider the question of UNIIC's leadership. Members of the Security Council and the Government of Lebanon have expressed a desire for Mr. Brammertz to remain as Commissioner. I write now to request that your Office agree to release Mr. Brammertz, whose appointment expires on 15 July 2006, for an additional period of approximately five months, i.e. until 31 December 2006 to continue his work with UNIIC.

Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo
Chief Prosecutor
International Criminal Court
The Hague

This request is necessitated by the current significant stage of the investigation and the need to provide continuity in the leadership of UNIIC. In addition, the outcome of the Commission's work will be fundamentally important to the proceedings of the tribunal of an international character envisioned by the Security Council in resolution 1664 (2006). The Secretariat is currently working towards the establishment of the legal basis for such a tribunal. I am aware, as I make this request, of Mr. Brammertz's important role in the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC). However, I believe that Mr. Brammertz's skills and leadership would be essential in guiding UNIIC through this crucial phase of its efforts.

In our consultations, Mr. Brammertz has informed me of his readiness to remain with UNIIC until 31 December 2006, provided your Office agrees and the States Parties of the ICC assents to this request.

It is my understanding that you would wish to consult with the States Parties on this matter. I would appreciate your kind concurrence for releasing Mr. Brammertz until 31 December 2006 and receiving your response as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', written in a cursive style.

Kofi A. Annan