
Twenty-seventh semi-annual report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is the twenty-seventh semi-annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004). It provides a review and an assessment of the implementation of the resolution since the issuance of my previous report on the subject, on 16 October 2017 (S/2017/867), and covers developments up to 10 May 2018.


2. Since the adoption of resolution 1559 (2004) by the Security Council on 2 September 2004, several of its provisions have been implemented, as highlighted in previous reports. However, a number of provisions, including with respect to the existence and activities of Lebanese and non-Lebanese militias, remain pending.

A. Sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and political independence of Lebanon

3. Through the adoption of resolution 1559 (2004), the Security Council sought to strengthen the sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and political independence of Lebanon under the sole and exclusive authority of the Government of Lebanon throughout the country, in accordance with the Taif Accords of 1989, to which all the political parties in Lebanon had committed themselves. That objective has remained the priority of my efforts.

4. As previously indicated in my report of 8 March 2018 on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) (S/2018/210), on 4 November 2017 in Riyadh, the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Saad Hariri, announced his resignation. The President of Lebanon, Michel Aoun, subsequently issued a statement that he would await the return of the Prime Minister to Lebanon to determine next steps, while underlining the importance of national unity. On 5 November, I issued a statement to express my concern about this development, hoping that all sides would focus their efforts on supporting the continuity of the State institutions of Lebanon, in adherence to the Constitution, and safeguarding the country’s security and stability, and to reaffirm the commitment of the United Nations to supporting the security, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon. Following their meeting on 10 November with President Aoun, members of the International Support Group for Lebanon expressed