

Special Envoy for the Implementation of Resolution 1559

In December 2004, the Secretary-General appointed Terje Roed-Larsen as Special Envoy for the Implementation of Resolution 1559, which aims to strengthen the sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and political independence of Lebanon under the exclusive authority of the government of Lebanon throughout the country. The Special Envoy is mandated to consult with the government of Lebanon, other interested states and UN agencies in preparing the Secretary-General's semi-annual report on the implementation of the resolution. Resolution 1559 did not pass without controversy as it is seen by many as employing a hostile tone.

Little progress was made on Resolution 1559 since 2009. The April 2011 Secretary-General's report highlighted in particular the delineation of the Syrian-Lebanese border and the continued existence of militias as key gaps in the implementation of the resolution.¹ The Special Envoy and UNSCOL's Special Coordinator have continued to share analysis and coordinate their engagement with the parties, using this dual arrangement as a means to maintain pressure and international attention at a time of competing demands throughout the Arab world.

1 United Nations. *Thirteenth semi-annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)*, S/2011/238 (19 April 2011).