

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 13 May 2005 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to appoint, in accordance with resolution 1595 (2005), Mr. Detlev Mehlis of Germany as the Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission established following the assassination of Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Mr. Mehlis is a Senior Public Prosecutor for the State of Berlin and has substantial experience in investigating serious and complex crimes. During his 30-year legal career he has worked closely with institutions in numerous countries on matters of transnational criminal law. Mr. Mehlis will proceed to Beirut to take up his assignment as soon as practicable.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**