In New York, Security Council members meet to discuss the situation on the ground in Lebanon. Resolution 1701 is adopted, bringing a halt to the conflict between Israel and Lebanon on 14 August 2006. (15.5)

Some 880 blue helmets from Italy arrived by helicopter, boat and aircraft in Tyre, Naqoura and Beirut. They prepare for mission in southern Lebanon near the Israeli border. (14")

On a hill overlooking the Italian ships in Naquora, Ali Mousa Seblin, whose house was heavily damaged, believes that the presence of UN troops is a guarantee of safety. (11")

“…nor with Israel, nor with Hezbollah, nor with anybody else, can do anything when we have the United Nations soldiers here. (6")
WITHDRAWAL

NARRATION

As Israeli forces withdraw from more areas in southern Lebanon United Nations troops take over their positions -- before handing over to Lebanese army units. (11")

UN experts assess Lebanon’s border security to identify areas where the Lebanese government may need support to cover all entry points within the country. (10")

LEBANON/PORT

The group checks airports and seaports now secured by the Lebanese army. (5")

NAVAL BLOCKADE

Italian vessels, already off the coast of Lebanon, monitor shipping in the area. (5")

DESTRUCTION

NARRATION

The conflict has left civilians in dire need. UNHCR trucks make their way to villages to deliver emergency supplies -- despite the danger and shoddy road conditions. But for some families the losses have been devastating. Seventy-five year old Zeinab Hammad Hamid. (19.5)

HAMID:

“This is my house and not a single stone is in the same place as it was before.” (5")
For children, returning to school is a challenge. In the village of Srifa, the local school is unusable after a bomb exploded nearby. Glass windows were shattered and walls blown in, leaving classrooms full of debris. Students are wondering when they will be able to resume studies. (20.5")

“I’m very sad about it and I don’t like the idea that I might have to change schools.” (8")

Italian troops are one of the largest contingents in southern Lebanon, but France, Greece, the United Kingdom, Spain and Indonesia have also sent troops to the region in an effort to maintain peace. In a region that has been torn by conflict for so long, this bolstered presence of the United Nations is a sign of the international community’s determination in the face of great challenges ahead. (30")

“UN peacekeeping missions -- and our efforts to support democracy and promote human rights -- are making a difference.” (8")
Now that all Israeli soldiers have withdrawn from the region, United Nations peacekeepers face an uphill battle of maintaining peace in Lebanon. (10")

This report was prepared by Mary Ferreira for the United Nations. (5")