



## United States Senate

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Dear Colleague,

We invite you to cosign the attached letter to Javier Solana, the European Union's High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy. The letter urges the European Union to add Hezbollah to its List for the Application of Specific Measures to Combat Terrorism. This list is equivalent to the State Department's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations and would apply economic and financial sanctions to Hezbollah. It would have the important effect of cutting off funding sources used to support terrorism and attacks on Israel.

Our letter emphasizes that Hezbollah's terrorist activities are not aimed solely at the United States, but have targeted European interests as well. Given the unprovoked acts of war that Hezbollah has perpetrated against Israel in recent days – including kidnapping several Israeli soldiers and firing hundreds of missiles into civilian areas – we believe strongly that it is appropriate for Hezbollah to be on the European Union's official terrorist list. In fact, Hezbollah has been on the U.S. list since 1997.

As you know, in 2004 the United Nations Security Council called for Hezbollah to disarm in Security Council Resolution 1559. The current fighting demonstrates that Hezbollah is as threatening as ever. The letter urges the European Union to join the international effort to weaken and disarm Hezbollah.

We appreciate your consideration of this issue. If you would like more information or you would like to sign the letter, please contact Caroline Tess in Senator Bill Nelson's office at 4-5869, or Mike Santore in Senator Smith's office at 4-3753.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Javier Solana  
High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy,  
Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union  
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Dear High Representative Solana:

We write today to urge the European Union to take immediate steps to add Hezbollah to the European Union List for the Application of Specific Measures to Combat Terrorism. This month's unprovoked attacks against Israeli civilians are the most recent reminder of Hezbollah's deadly nature.

Hezbollah has a long history of terrorist acts around the world - attacking US and French forces, kidnapping Americans and other Westerners, hijacking airplanes, and attacking Israeli interests in Argentina. These are only a few examples, but they clearly demonstrate that Hezbollah is focused on killing innocent civilians as well as military forces. They also show that the threat from Hezbollah extends around the world and knows no borders.

Hezbollah's most recent actions - the unprovoked kidnapping of two Israel Defense Forces soldiers from Israeli territory and the continued firing of thousands of missiles into Israeli towns and cities aimed specifically at civilians - should conclusively demonstrate Hezbollah's nature as a terrorist organization. The resulting crisis threatens to destabilize the entire region as well as inflict suffering on millions of innocent civilians on both sides of the border.

Placing Hezbollah on the EU's List for the Application of Specific Measures to Combat Terrorism will not only have important symbolic value at such a difficult time, it will also further cut off funding sources and assets that are used to support Hezbollah's ongoing terrorist acts.

The United Nations Security Council acted in September 2004 with Resolution 1559, calling on Hezbollah to disarm so that it would no longer pose a threat to the democratically elected Lebanese government. It is time that the EU joins the international community in aggressively working to end funding and support for Hezbollah.

We appreciate your time and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
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