INTERNATIONAL LEASES AS A LEGAL INSTRUMENT OF
CONFLICT RESOLUTION:
The Shab’a Farms as a Prototype for the Resolution of Territorial Conflicts

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ABSTRACT

This paper looks at the Shab’a Farms – considered by the U.N. Secretary General as the
linchpin excuse in the Hizb’ Allah rhetoric justifying the de-stabilization of the Israel-
Lebanon-Syria relationship. It contemplates the possibility of defusing a violent conflict
by borrowing the lease – a legal instrument in domestic law of contract and real property
and private international law – and turning it into a public international legal device.

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