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Statement following Meeting with Prime Minister Tamam Salam**

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Good Morning,

I just had a good meeting with the Prime Minister. We discussed the preparations for the ministerial meeting of the International Support Group for Lebanon that will be taking place next week in New York at the invitation of the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Its objectives are to give political support to Lebanon and highlight its needs with regard to the army's capabilities and the need to speed up assistance as much as possible, as well as the needs of the Syrian refugees and host communities and of the Government to address economic and other costs arising from the tragic war in Syria.

We discussed also the situation in the region as well as issues related to security. Sunday is the International Day of Peace and I take this opportunity to encourage everyone to reflect then on what they can do for stability and for peace in Lebanon. I would encourage them also to stand in solidarity with those who have suffered as a result of war, the refugees and those who are defending Lebanon against the impact of war, the army and security forces and particularly the families of those who died or have been taken hostage.
