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Statement following Meeting with Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri**

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Good afternoon.

I am very grateful for Parliament Speaker, H.E. Nabih Berri, for receiving me today.

We have a very good discussion about domestic issues and about regional issues.

I expressed my hope to the Speaker that a new government will be formed soon in Lebanon, and I wished the Prime Minister-designate Najib Miqati all good luck in that endeavor. I underlined with the Speaker the need for the new government to have the broadest possible base and to represent the interests of all Lebanese. The United Nations too expects the new government to abide by all of Lebanon's international obligations.

I also discussed with Speaker Berri the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701. I mentioned that the Prime Minister-designate, Mr. Miqati, told me last week that he looked forward to being fully committed to the implementation of the resolution.

The Speaker Nabih Berri also raised with me again the question of Lebanon's maritime borders and expressed the hope that the UN would react positively to requests for assistance in that regard. Personally, I expressed my wish to see the UN playing as positive a role as possible.

Thank you. Shoukran.
