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Statement Following Meeting with Former President Amine Gemayel, Leader of the
Kataeb Party**

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Good afternoon

I am very grateful to President Amine Gemayel for receiving me today in Bikfaya. We exchanged views on the situation in Lebanon and also in the broader region.

I expressed the hope that the Prime Minister-designate Najib Miqati will be able to form a new government soon and that this new Government will meet the aspirations of all the Lebanese people. In a country as diverse as Lebanon, the interests of all Lebanese must be taken into account, and this is very important.

I also reiterated to President Gemayel the position of the United Nations that dialogue remains the best basis of resolving any differences, no matter how sensitive. In that regard, I welcomed the efforts of President Gemayel during this period.

We also discussed the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701. I expect that the new Lebanese Government and all Lebanese parties will remain committed to the country's international obligations.

Shoukran Jazeelan.
