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Statement following Meeting with Prime Minister-designate Najib Mikati  
Beirut, Lebanon**

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Good Morning,

I just had a very good meeting with Prime Minister-designate Najib Mikati. I am very grateful to Mr. Mikati for receiving me.

I thanked him for his very strong condemnation of the attack on UNIFIL last Friday May 27 and for his strong and continued support for UNIFIL. I also welcomed the renewed expression of commitment to Security Council 1701, a commitment that I have also heard from other Lebanese officials in recent days. Despite the terrorist attack, UNIFIL remains committed to the mission in south Lebanon as are all other UN agencies operating in the country.

I also emphasized that Lebanon's commitment to 1701 must be accompanied by additional efforts with regards to the remaining parts of the resolution. In this regard, I stressed the need at this volatile time for all parties to respect the Blue Line.

I shared with Prime Minister-designate Mikati my view that incidents such as the attack on UNIFIL highlight the urgent need for a government in Lebanon that can address challenges at the security level. I believe quite strongly that the formation of a new government will help alleviate security concerns as well as the social and economic issues before the Lebanese people.

Thank you very much.

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