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Statement Following Meeting with Prime Minister Saad Hariri
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Good evening,

I just had a very good meeting with the Prime Minister, H.E. Saad Hariri. I expressed my congratulations and well wishes to the Prime Minister on the occasion of the new year and said that I hoped it would be a year of political stability, of economic development and general progress for Lebanon and for the Lebanese.

Today I discussed with the Prime Minister the priorities of the Government at the political, economic and social levels and also areas where the United Nations was needed and requested and good support Prime Minister Hariri in his endeavors in the coming months.

The Prime Minister briefed me on his recent visits to countries in the region, including Jordan and Syria. I congratulated him on progress made and encouraged him to pursue his efforts for the benefits of all Lebanese.

We also discussed the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701 and the situation in south Lebanon.

Thank you very much.
