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Statement following Meeting with Prime Minister-designate Najib Miqati**

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Good afternoon

I am very grateful for the Prime Minister-designate, Mr. Najib Miqati, for receiving me today. We discussed the developments in Lebanon and in the broader region.

Mr. Miqati updated me on his efforts to form a new government. I welcomed his willingness to reach out to all sides and engage them in dialogue. I reiterated to Mr. Miqati my belief that whatever government he forms needs to meet the aspirations and requirements of all Lebanese.

I also expressed to Mr. Miqati my expectation that the new government he will form will meet Lebanon's international obligations.

Earlier today, I also met with Mr. Ammar Moussawi, the head of Hizbullah's International Relations Department, and we had detailed discussions on internal and regional developments.

Thank you very much.
