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Statement Following Meeting with Mr. Ammar Moussawi, head of the International
Relations Department of Hizbullah
Beirut, Lebanon**

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Good Morning,

I just had a very good meeting with Mr. Ammar Moussawi.

Let me first of all extend my condolences on the recent death of Grand Ayatollah Sayyed Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah. I had the privilege of meeting with Sayyed Fadlallah several times over the last four years and his loss, his death, is a loss not just to Moslems in Lebanon but throughout the region.

In my discussions today with Mr. Moussawi, we discussed many issues but principally the question of the implementation of Resolution 1701 and the recent incidents in southern Lebanon. I think we agreed in our discussions that it was important to move forward now and that there should be no recurrence of the incidents that have taken place.

I will be going to New York next week to brief the Security Council and I will be pleased there if stability is returned to southern Lebanon. Mr. Moussawi made clear that Hizbullah remained committed to Resolution 1701 and underlined the importance of the coordination between UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces and we also agreed on the importance of freedom of movement for UNIFIL. We have had a good meeting today.

Thank you. Shoukran.

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