

UNITED NATIONS



NATIONS UNIES

Office of the Special Coordinator  
for Lebanon

Bureau du Coordinateur Spécial  
pour le Liban

**United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon Michael Williams  
Statement Following Meeting with Minister of State for Administrative Reform  
Mohammad Fneish  
Beirut, Lebanon**

Monday, 08 November 2010

I just had a very good and frank meeting with Minister Mohammad Fneish. We used the opportunity to review both the domestic situation in Lebanon and the regional situation in the Middle East.

We discussed the latest report on resolution 1701 and we exchanged views on what still is needed to improve the implementation of the resolution. I welcomed the commitment of all parties to resolution 1701, which is very important.

Our talks today also naturally touched on the domestic situation in Lebanon, in light of the recent tension. I expressed to Minister Fneish the concerns of the United Nations about the possibility of escalation and stressed the importance of maintaining all channels of communication and dialogue. Only collective engagement of all Lebanese through the existing institutions will enable the Lebanese to find solutions to the problems facing their country. There can be no alternative to dialogue if we want to protect Lebanon and its future.

Thank you very much.

\* \* \*