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Statement Following Meeting with Prime Minister Fuad Siniora
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Good Morning.

I just had a meeting with the Prime Minister Fuad Siniora.

Our talks this morning focused on the process of government formation in Lebanon and the most recent regional developments. In that regard, yesterday's talks in Damascus between his Majesty King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and President of Syria Bashar al-Assad reflect a regional climate that is now conducive, we believe, to the formation of a government in Lebanon. There is a degree of momentum and optimism, and I hope that we will see the formation of a government very soon. As I have stated repeatedly, Lebanon needs a government supported by all that can tackle the many important substantive challenges that are ahead for the country in many areas.

I also discussed with the Prime Minister this morning the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 and our preparations for the next report on the resolution which will be with the Security Council by the end of this month.

Thank you very much.
