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Statement Following Meeting with MP Michel Aoun  
Rabieh, Lebanon**

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I just met with MP Michel Aoun on the current situation in Lebanon.

I conveyed to Gen. Aoun my belief that the current crisis should be resolved in a peaceful and lawful manner. I also expressed my hope for the formation of a new Government within the Constitution of Lebanon in a manner that responds to the aspirations and needs of the Lebanese people at this time.

This is a moment, above all I believe, for Lebanese leaders to strengthen the country's tradition and culture of moderation, tolerance and diversity. Despite the divisions, I underlined in my meeting with Gen. Aoun that dialogue amongst the Lebanese leaders is the only possible means, the only possible means, for helping the country out of its present crisis. The efforts of Lebanon's regional and international friends are encouraging but they also need to be coupled with internal Lebanese efforts to safeguard the country's stability and to reach a solution.

The Lebanese people have the right to stability and to justice.

Thank you.

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