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Statement Following Meeting with Foreign Minister Ali Shami  
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Good Morning

I just had a very good meeting with H.E. the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ali Shami. We discussed the developments in Lebanon and in the region and the latest report on Security Council Resolution 1701.

I informed the Minister that I will travel to New York in the next few days and that there will be a meeting of the Security Council on November 18. The Minister took the opportunity to reaffirm Lebanon's strong commitment to 1701 and I expressed my appreciation of this and that I will inform the Security Council about this. The Minister underlined to me, he stressed to me, that Lebanon wishes to see further progress in the implementation of 1701 and I understand his concerns in this regard.

We also touched on the domestic situation, the tension of recent days and I expressed my hope that the Council of Ministers, when they meet, this afternoon, this evening, will be able to meet in a collegial atmosphere, paying respect to past agreements such as those in Doha and the ministerial statement. We all look to the Council of Ministers to help diminish some of the concerns and tensions of recent days.

Thank you very much.

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