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Statement following Meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmad Aboul Gheit**

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Good Morning,

It is always a great pleasure for me to visit Egypt, and I just had a very good meeting with the Foreign Minister Ahmad Aboul Gheit. First of all I extended my condolences and sympathies to the Minister and the Egyptian Government and people on the death last week of two Egyptian soldiers, two Egyptian peacekeepers, who were serving with the United Nations in Sudan.

Our discussions this morning touched on the situation in the region and the critical role that Egypt plays in that context. For the UN, Egypt is an important partner in the region and globally.

I welcomed the Foreign Minister's recent visit to Lebanon and I welcome Egypt's efforts to help maintain and enhance peace and stability throughout the Middle East.

We discussed the tensions that recently arose between Israel, Lebanon and other regional parties, and I think I can say that the Minister and I agreed completely on the need to respect and implement Resolution 1701 and all UN Resolutions and to make further progress in this regard. Sometimes tension flares, but what is important, from my perspective, is that the situation on the ground remains stable, as it has done in recent weeks.

Thank you

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