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Statement Following Meeting with Mr. Ammar Moussawi, head of the International
Relations Department of Hizbullah
Beirut, Lebanon**

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I just had a very good meeting with Sayyed Ammar Moussawi. We discussed the situation in Lebanon and also the dramatic developments in the broader Arab region.

We also discussed the situation in Cote D'Ivoire and in particular the position of the Lebanese community in Cote D'Ivoire. I assured Ammar Moussawi that the United Nations will do all that it can to ensure the safety of the many thousands of Lebanese in Cote D'Ivoire, especially in the capital Abidjan. The good news is that we believe that the security situation will now improve in the next few days and that safe passage between the city and the airport will be easier for those Lebanese who wish to return home.

I also briefed Ammar Moussawi about the latest report on Resolution 1701 and my briefing of the Security Council. I underlined that the Security Council, which of course includes Lebanon at the moment, gave its full support for the resolution and its full implementation.

We also discussed the political and the security situation in Lebanon. I expressed my hope that a government could be formed soon that would represent all Lebanese and meet the needs of all Lebanese.

On the security question, we discussed the issue of the seven Estonian bicyclists and I expressed my hope that these men could be returned safely to their country and families as quickly as possible. They came here to Lebanon with no ill intent and their early return to their own country I think is of the utmost importance.

Thank you very much. Shoukran Jazeelan.

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