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Statement Following Meeting with Former Prime Minister, MP Fuad Siniora
Beirut, Lebanon**

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Good Afternoon,

I just had a very good meeting with MP Fuad Siniora. We discussed the latest developments in Lebanon and in the region.

I briefed Mr. Siniora on the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701. I welcomed the commitment of all Lebanese sides to the resolution and the calm that has prevailed in south Lebanon recently but I also reiterated the expectation of the United Nations that additional efforts would be exerted by all sides concerned to ensure the full implementation of the resolution.

We also discussed today developments in Lebanon. I praised MP Siniora and his allies for adhering to the democratic norms they have always upheld when they moved into the opposition. This democratic and peaceful approach highlights the pluralism that prevails in Lebanon and the history of democratic practice that the country has enjoyed. I hope all parties will continue to work in the same constructive spirit in the period ahead.

Thank you very much
