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

Thursday, 14 July 2011

I am very grateful to Sayyed Ammar Moussawi for receiving me today.

We discussed many issues, everything from electricity to the reform of the electoral system in Lebanon. But I wanted to say firstly how pleased I am with the news of the release of the seven Estonian citizens a few hours ago. We understand that they are now in Beirut and that they are in good health and I would like to take this opportunity to thank also all the agencies of the Lebanese government and others who have worked for their release.

In our discussions with Ammar Moussawi, we also discussed Security Council Resolution 1701. I welcomed the continued commitment to the resolution from the new government and also from Hizbullah. And next week I will be travelling to New York for a meeting of the Security Council on July 21 to discuss resolution 1701

We again discussed the question of the National Dialogue. My view and the view of the United Nations is that this is still an institution which is very important for Lebanon and we hope, with the President's blessing and chairmanship, it can continue in the future even to discuss critical issues such as national defense.

Thank you very much. Shukran Jazeelan.

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