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Statement Following Meeting with Prime Minister Saad Hariri
Beirut, Lebanon**

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Good evening,

I just had a very good meeting with Prime Minister Saad Hariri. The Prime Minister and I discussed a variety of issues, including Security Council Resolution 1701. I briefed the Prime Minister that the next report on 1701 will go next week to the Secretary-General and the Security Council. I briefed the Prime Minister on preparations for that report, and we both welcomed the calm that has returned to south Lebanon.

With the Prime Minister, I also discussed recent domestic developments and we agreed that calm and rational dialogue was the best and only means for resolving sensitive issues. For Lebanon, as for any other country, State institutions remain the best guarantee for safety and stability in the country, and I applauded the efforts of Prime Minister Hariri and of other Lebanese leaders to safeguard the country's national unity.

I believe that the Council of Ministers and relevant ministries and authorities are responsible for and competent to address even the most sensitive issues, and I hope that all parties will continue to work with and through the institutions of the state.

Thank you.

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