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Statement Following Meeting with Minister of Energy Gebran Bassil  
Beirut, Lebanon**

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Good Morning

I just met with Lebanon's Minister of Energy, Gebran Bassil. It was a very good meeting. We discussed the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701, as well as developments in Lebanon.

I welcomed the convening yesterday of the second session of the National Dialogue this year. We were particularly pleased by the decision of the participants at yesterday's session to reiterate their commitment to an atmosphere of calm in the country.

This is particularly important ahead of the municipal elections. The United Nations hopes that these elections, which are part of the country's democratic life, will take place in a free, fair manner.

Thank you

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