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Statement Following Meeting with Mr. Samir Geagea, Leader of the Lebanese Forces
Party
Beirut, Lebanon**

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Good morning,

I just had a very good meeting with Dr. Samir Geagea. Our discussions mainly focused on the situation here in Lebanon.

I told Dr. Geagea that the Secretary-General is following events here very closely since the resignation of the eleven ministers from the Government last week. The United Nations is concerned at the fall of the national unity Government through we are also hopeful that all sides, all political parties, will be responsible and will continue to work within the framework of Lebanon's Constitution and also its democratic norms

I reiterated to Dr. Geagea today the longstanding position of the UN that dialogue amongst all sides in Lebanon is the only possible means to helping the country out of its current crisis. We hope that that crisis will not be prolonged because I think it is in the interest, above all, of the Lebanese people that the crisis is resolved sooner rather than later and that politicians meet their responsibilities. So I hope therefore that all political parties will play their part and be properly represented and that this process can be expedited as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

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