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Statement Following Meeting with Prime Minister Fuad Siniora
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Good afternoon,

I just met with Prime Minister Fuad Siniora. We have discussed issues pertaining to resolution 1701, and in particular the incidents, three incidents really, that have occurred over the last week.

We are troubled by all of these incidents, and clearly there were violations of 1701. I think it is very important to put this into the larger picture, which is that there are many violations of 1701 and we, in the UN, are very conscious of that. Now, we are very anxious of that, we have had three serious violations in I think four days, we really need now to lower the temperature, to try and address the issues and not see any escalation which would be bad for 1701 and for Lebanon.

Prime Minister Siniora started the meeting by reaffirming his commitment and the commitment of the Government and people of Lebanon to 1701. We were very pleased to hear that and we will relay this to Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon.

Thank you.
