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Statement Following Meeting with Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri
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Good afternoon.

I just wanted to say a few words after my meeting with Mr. Nabih Berri. The meeting with Mr. Berri is the latest in a series of consultations I have been holding over the past week, in fact ever since the elections on June 7, with senior Lebanese political leaders. We discussed recent developments related to Lebanon but also in the wider region.

On the elections, I commended Mr. Berri and the Lebanese authorities on the overall calm and transparent atmosphere that prevailed throughout the electoral process. We hope this calm atmosphere will be maintained and sustained in the coming days and I am confident and optimistic about that.

I briefed Mr. Berri on the next report on Resolution 1701 that is expected to go to the Security Council later this week. Resolution 1701 has played an important role in promoting peace and stability in south Lebanon, but there are many issues as you know that remain unresolved and the UN urges Israel and Lebanon to exert additional efforts to ensure that the resolution is fully implemented. I informed Mr. Berri that I will be traveling to New York next week to brief the Security Council on the report.

Thank you very much.
