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Statement Following Meeting with Minister of Interior Ziad Baroud
Beirut, Lebanon**

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I just met with Minister Ziad Baroud. It was a very good meeting. We discussed a range of issues including the general situation in Lebanon and the region and the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701.

I took the opportunity to commend Minister Baroud on the work of his Ministry, particularly on issues related to heightened traffic measures that affect the security of the Lebanese citizens.

Naturally, we discussed today the general political situation in Lebanon and the effect of the political crisis on the daily lives of the Lebanese people. I reiterated the UN's position that open dialogue and the support of the country's State institutions remains the best guarantee for resolving disagreements and for the safety and stability of the country.

I also discussed with Minister Baroud the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701. We welcomed the calm that has prevailed in south Lebanon and Lebanon's repeated commitment to the resolution. But I also hoped for additional measures from both Israel and Lebanon to fully meet all the requirements of the resolution.

Thank you.

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