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Statement Following Meeting with Former President Amine Gemayel
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Good Morning

It was a great privilege this morning to meet with President Amine Gemayel, and to exchange views with him about the situation here in Lebanon and also in the wider region in the Middle East.

We discussed many of the problems and questions that confront Lebanon at the moment and confront the leadership of Lebanon. Obviously one of those issues was Security Council Resolution 1701 but we also discussed wider trends both within Lebanon and without Lebanon.

I informed the President that we believe the situation on the Blue Line is now returned to calm and is stable and UNIFIL is working very closely with the LAF (Lebanese Armed Forces) to maintain that calm and stability.

President Gemayel and I obviously reviewed the situation within Lebanon and also the rising rhetoric and tension. We agreed that dialogue is the only way to resolve the most sensitive issues and we also stressed the importance of State institutions, which are the pillars of stability in any country, including in Lebanon for solving all problems.

Thank you very much.
