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Statement following Meeting with Caretaker Prime Minister Saad Hariri**

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Good evening.

Let me say a few words and first thank caretaker Prime Minister Saad Hariri for receiving me this afternoon.

We had a very good meeting. I underlined the importance of maintaining calm and stability in Lebanon during this period. As I have always said, all parties need to work together and engage in dialogue to resolve outstanding differences, no matter how sensitive. I also commended the Prime Minister for his calls for restraint this week, which have been noted both nationally and internationally.

I would also like to thank him for all his efforts to support Security Council Resolution 1701 and other UN Resolutions. I expressed my hope that Lebanon will continue to maintain its international obligations during the coming period.

Thank you very much.
