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Statement Following Meeting with Mr. Ammar Moussawi
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Good afternoon,

I had a good meeting with Ammar Moussawi, the head of the International Relations Department of Hizbullah. Our discussions were very detailed and touched on the situation in Lebanon, including the formation of a new government but also the situation in the south and the recent incidents that have taken place.

The next 1701 report is due today and I will be traveling to New York to brief the Security Council on November 10. We remain very concerned by the incidents that have taken place in south Lebanon, including the firing of a rocket from the village of Houla and also the Israeli counter-fire on the same village.

For three years now, south Lebanon has witnessed its longest period of calm in decades. However, there is concern that recent incidents could easily destabilize the situation in the area and increase the threat of potential conflict.

My discussions today with Mr. Moussawi also touched on the formation of a new government in Lebanon. The United Nations hopes that all the parties concerned will show responsibility and leadership to enable the formation of a unity Government as soon as possible. Now is the time to make progress

Shukran. Thank you very much.
