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Statement Following Meeting with Mr. Ammar Moussawi, head of the International Relations Department of Hizbullah
Beirut, Lebanon

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Good Morning,

I just had a very good meeting with Mr. Ammar Moussawi. We discussed many issues, including obviously the current situation here in Lebanon.

We spoke first of all about Security Council Resolution 1701 and agreed that stability has been restored in south Lebanon and along the Blue Line.

I briefed Mr. Moussawi about the possibility of an Israeli military withdrawal from the northern part of the village of Ghajar. I underlined that this would not mean that Israel had met all of its obligations under Resolution 1701.

We also discussed the domestic situation in Lebanon and I expressed my hopes that the Council of Ministers meeting on Wednesday will be able to make progress even on the most difficult questions that are before it. For Lebanon, one element of reassurance is that it is never alone and that the efforts of many of its friends, especially Syria and Saudi Arabia, are aimed at trying to help it reach a solution. But the Lebanese also have to be active participants in making that happen. So I believe that this can be achieved through open and continuous dialogue among all the Lebanese parties and through the institutions of the State. As in any country, these are the only guarantee for the country’s stability, security and development.

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