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Statement Following Meeting with MP Boutros Harb
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It was a pleasure to meet Deputy (Boutros) Harb today in my capacity as Acting Special Coordinator for Lebanon for the United Nations. I wanted to meet with him to discuss the content of the report, which was submitted yesterday on Security Council Resolution 1701, which talks about ceasefire between Lebanon and Israel. From the content of that report, regarding the internal situation in Lebanon, progress has been made with the implementation of that resolution.

We had a very interesting and wide-ranging discussion, covering a number of subjects such as border incursions and the problems of management of the border between Syria and Lebanon.

We talked about the electoral reform issues, which are before the Parliament today and I have heard some of the future steps, which we face for the improvement of the transparency and accountability within Lebanon about the electoral project.

We talked about the funding of the Special Tribunal, which as you know the United Nations believes is a very important issue for the government to follow up on. We believe it is part of their international and moral obligations to fund the Special Tribunal. We spoke about the importance of that and how we are encouraging the Government to follow through on those recommendations.

Thank you
