The following Security Council press statement was read out today by Council President Giadalla Ettalhi (Libya):

The members of the Security Council strongly condemned the terrorist attack on 15 January in Beirut, which killed at least three persons, wounded several others and struck a diplomatic vehicle from the American Embassy.

The members of the Security Council expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the people and Government of Lebanon.

The members of the Security Council reaffirmed that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, wherever, whenever and by whomever committed.

The members of the Security Council underlined the need to bring the perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of this crime to justice, expressed their determination to support the efforts and the commitment of the Government of Lebanon to this end and urged all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, to cooperate actively with the Lebanese authorities in this regard.

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