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**Statement of UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon Derek Plumbly and P5
Ambassadors following Meeting with H.E. President Michel Sleiman**

(Delivered in Arabic)

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I, and the Ambassadors of China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States, the five Permanent Members of the UN Security Council have just had the honour of a meeting with His Excellency the President of the Republic, General Michel Sleiman. The meeting was held at our request to underline our solidarity with Lebanon at this difficult time.

We recalled the statement issued by the President of the Security Council on behalf of all Council members on 19 October, following the heinous act of terrorism earlier that day in which Brigadier-General Wissam al Hassan and others were killed and more than a hundred people were injured. We extended our condolences to the President of the Republic and through him to the people of Lebanon on their great loss.

In their statement Council members underlined their determination that the perpetrators and sponsors of this terrorist act should be brought to justice, and their unequivocal condemnation of any attempt to destabilise Lebanon through political assassination and expressed their determination to support the government of Lebanon to put an end once and for all to impunity in Lebanon. We take this opportunity to repeat that message and to call on all parties in Lebanon to preserve national unity in the face of such attempts.

We underlined to His Excellency the President our support for his leadership and the efforts he is currently undertaking in consultation with all Lebanese parties. It is for the Lebanese parties to agree the way forward. It is vital that this should be done through a peaceful political process, that continuity of institutions and

government action is maintained in order to ensure stability, security and justice in Lebanon. We will stand by Lebanon through this difficult period.
