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Statement Following Meeting with Former President Amine Gemayel, Leader of the
Kataeb Party**

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I want to thank President Amine Gemayel for receiving me today.

I congratulated him on the conference of the Kataeb party over the weekend and the results of that conference. Today we talked about many issues confronting Lebanon and also about the situation in Syria.

I informed Amine Gemayel about the telephone call of the Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki moon with President Bashar al-Assad on Saturday, and the Secretary General urged President Assad to bring an end to the wave of violence, to have respect for human rights and also to meet the aspirations of the Syrian people. We noted over the weekend the comments of many in the Arab world, Saudi Arabia, of the Arab league and of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

We also discussed with Amine Gemayel the situation with regard to UNIFIL and I thanked President Gemayel for his very strong statement of support for UNIFIL and condemnation of the attack upon the French contingent on July 26.

Thank you very much.

QUESTION: Lebanese authorities will send a report to the STL before the expiration of the deadline on 11 August and specifically about the arrest warrants against the four accused. How do you expect the content of the Lebanese reply?

SCL MICHAEL WILLIAMS: I have no idea, but I have not seen it and I think they still have maybe a few more days before, but it's important that Lebanon responds by August 11.