

**STATEMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON**

The Secretary-General strongly condemns those responsible for the violence in Lebanon over the last week and urges calm and restraint and an immediate stop to the violence. He calls on all parties to resume the national dialogue. Lebanon needs a political process which will result in the election of a President and a solution to the prolonged political crisis.

The Secretary-General expresses his solidarity with the people and Government of Lebanon, and other legitimate Lebanese institutions, including the Lebanese Armed Forces. The Secretary-General firmly supports the initiative of the League of Arab States aimed at finding a solution.

The Secretary-General calls for the upholding of the independence, sovereignty and integrity of Lebanon and the implementation of all relevant Security Council resolutions pertaining to Lebanon.

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