

**Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson of the Secretary-General
on Israel-Hezbollah**

The Secretary-General welcomes the return by Israel today of a released prisoner to Lebanon and Hezbollah's release of remains of Israeli soldiers killed during the 2006 war.

He believes these developments are a positive step towards addressing the humanitarian issues that are an important component of Security Council Resolution 1701.

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