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Statement following Meeting with Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri**

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Good Morning,

I just had an extremely useful meeting with Speaker Nabih Berri. We discussed the latest developments and the political situation in Lebanon.

Our priority remains Lebanon's security and stability during this period. We are all waiting to see the outcome of the consultations that President Michel Sleiman is undertaking with the political leaders in Lebanon and we hope that those consultations will produce a result satisfactory to all Lebanese parties.

We also discussed the preparations for next year's parliamentary elections and I reiterated the importance that those elections take place on time.

Finally, I told Speaker Berri that the next report on resolution 1701 is due to the Security Council soon. I welcomed the calm that continues to prevail in south Lebanon during this period of turbulence elsewhere in the region and we hope that remaining requirements of the resolution will also be met soon.

Thank you.
