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Assistance for the whole of Lebanon

The United Nations Security Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on Lebanon, in particular resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 1559 (2004), 1680 (2006), 1701 (2006), 1773 (2007), 1832 (2008), 1884 (2009), 1937 (2010) and 2004 (2011), 2064 (2012), 2115 (2013), 2172 (2014) and 2236 (2015), 2305 (2016), 2373 (2017), 2433 (2018), 2485 (2019) and 2539 (2020) as well as the statements of its President on the situation in Lebanon and the Press statements dated 19 December 2016, 27 March 2018, 9 August 2018, 8 February 2019, [23 September 2020](#), [01 October 2020](#), [14 October 2020](#), [2 December 2020](#), [8 December 2020](#), [11 December 2020](#), [28 December 2020](#) and [11 February 2021](#),

Reiterating its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon and its government,

Expressing its solidarity with Lebanon and its people in the aftermath of the explosions on 4 August 2020, causing severe damages to commercial and residential infrastructures as well as to UNIFIL capacities,

Recognising the challenges Lebanon and its people are facing, especially because of the economic and social crisis and the necessary reconstruction of Beirut,

Supporting the engagements of UNIFIL mandate for peace-keeping and fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, while referring to resolution 2539, as well as *supporting* the existing UNIFIL-Mandate and calling for the full implementation of resolution 1701; *acknowledging* the positive role of UNIFIL; *welcoming* the coordinated activities between UNIFIL and the Lebanese armed forces,

Calling for the swift formation of a new and accountable Government which can respond to the needs and aspirations of the Lebanese population and the continuing challenges Lebanon is facing, while *stressing*

the need for all political actors to work towards the effective functioning of the government and all state institutions by facing the social and economic challenges as well as the needs of the Lebanese population and taking action immediately,

Highlighting the need for Lebanon to build on its efforts and capacity deployed so far to stabilize the sectors of the economy, reinforce social services capacity including health and education sectors, capacity development and direct delivery of humanitarian aid,

Appreciating the engagement of 23 UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes, the Peacekeeping Mission of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon and the Political Mission of the Office of the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon with an estimated 10,000 peacekeepers and approximately 2,500 civilian staff,

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of all provisions of resolution 1701 (2006), and *being aware* of its responsibilities to help secure a permanent ceasefire and a long-term solution as envisioned in the resolution,

Stressing the need to refrain from threatening the security and stability of Lebanon, for example by keeping up the embargo of weapons for non-state actors,

Expressing deep concern at the continued lack of progress made towards the establishment of a permanent ceasefire and other key provisions of resolution 1701 (2006) fifteen years after its adoption,

Calling upon all concerned parties to strengthen their efforts, including the Special Coordinator of the Secretary-General and the UNIFIL Force Commander, to fully implement all provisions of resolution 1701 (2006) without delay,

Expressing deep concern at all violations, both by air and ground, in connection with resolution 1701 (2006) as underlined by the Secretary-General in his reports, and recalling the importance of control of the Government of Lebanon over all Lebanese territory and condemning in the strongest terms the actions undertaken by various terrorist groups,

Underlining the risk that violations of the cessation of hostilities could lead to a new conflict that none of the parties or the region can afford,

Urging all parties to make every effort to ensure that the cessation of hostilities is sustained, exercise maximum calm and restraint and refrain from any action or rhetoric that could jeopardize the cessation of hostilities or destabilize the region,

Emphasizing to all parties the importance of full compliance with the prohibition on sales and supply of arms and related materiel established by resolution 1701 (2006),

Welcoming the continued progress in the marking of the Blue Line, including military exercises such as that of 07th March 2021, and encouraging the parties to accelerate their efforts in coordination with UNIFIL, including through the tripartite mechanism, to continue working in the ongoing process to delineate and visibly mark the Blue Line in its entirety, as well as to move forward on the marking of its points of contention, as recommended by the Strategic Review,

Urging the Lebanese authorities to swiftly provide UNIFIL with further updates and finalise investigations on this matter,

Welcoming Lebanon's first National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, and encouraging the Government of Lebanon to fully implement it, with the support of UNIFIL and women's civil society groups, as soon as possible and to ensure the full, effective, and meaningful participation of women at all levels of decision-making in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security,



Recalling the importance of ensuring the protection of children and taking appropriate measures in this regard, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions on Children and armed conflict,

Welcoming the crucial role played by the Lebanese Armed Forces and security forces, as the only legitimate armed forces in Lebanon, in extending and sustaining the authority of the Government of Lebanon, in particular in southern Lebanon, and responding to other security challenges, including the threat of terrorism, and the strong international commitment to support the Lebanese Armed Forces, which has helped strengthen the capability of the Lebanese Armed Forces to provide security for Lebanon in the face of continued aggression of terrorist groups such as Hezbollah, urging further international support to the Lebanese Armed Forces in the context of the current economic crisis, and further noting the relevance of this increased capacity in relation to their efforts to coordinate with UNIFIL in the implementation of the UNIFIL mandate,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's 1 June 2020 Assessment of UNIFIL and *noting* with appreciation the recommendations to further increase the efficiency and effectiveness of UNIFIL

Determining that the situation in Lebanon continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security:

1. *Decides* to extend the present mandate of UNIFIL until 31 August 2022;
2. *Urges* the need to protect the civil society, especially those of imminent threat of physical violence;
3. *Supports* in accordance with the UN strategic Framework Lebanon (2017-2020) to reinforce the capacities of the Lebanese Armed Forces and calls for further international support for these forces, especially regarding countering terrorism and violent extremism;
4. *Urges* the Government of Lebanon to approve and bring into effect the economic plan and program of the IMF; stresses the need to implement meaningful economic reforms to stabilize the economic situation and highlights the specific importance of collaborate with the World Bank;
5. *Highlights* the particular importance of the role of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL) and endorses to enhance its position in Lebanon by
 - (i) Supporting the UN Special Coordinator's effort to coordinate the activities of the UN-Country Team, in partnership with the Government of Lebanon, donors and international financial institutions, in line with the overall objectives of the United Nations in Lebanon, particularly those relating to humanitarian, development and peacebuilding objectives;
 - (ii) Calling upon all UN-agencies and programs to increase their efforts and cooperate with the UNSCOL as well as encouraging UNSCOL to deepen their coordination efforts of all involved UN-agencies and programs;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish, for an initial period of one year ("advisory Council")
 - (i) which shall have the structure of a multi-stakeholder consulting group, being advised by representatives from all actors on the Lebanese Ground;



(ii) which shall support Lebanon to help it exit the current crisis and to address the economic, security, humanitarian challenges, as well as the impact of COVID-19 facing the country;

(iii) which shall reflect and bring to bear the knowledge and concerns of the whole international community, including international organizations;

7. *Building upon* this,

(i) the Advisory Council shall be constituted by one Expert from each member of the Security Council, whereby the representatives of the non-permanent members shall change when new members are elected to the Council;

(ii) the Advisory Council - to reflect the urgent need for orderly regulated economic reforms in Lebanon and the necessity to prevent the instrumentalization of the Lebanese recovery to fit specific national projects - shall also be constituted by three respective members each of the International Monetary Fund as well as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development;

(iii) and reflecting on the urgent necessity of first and foremost creating a stable security environment in Lebanon, the Advisory Council shall also be constituted by three permanent representatives of the UNIFIL missions;

(iv) and underlining the necessity for constant accountability, the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon shall consult with each and every member of the Advisory Council in order to present to its members every 12 months a report on the economic, security, and humanitarian progress made and the challenges still remaining;

(v) the Special Envoy shall present a written assessment reflecting the functioning of the Council after the initiative 12 month, which shall serve as basis regarding the continuation of its existence;

(vi) the Advisory Council and a Delegation of the Lebanese government shall have the opportunity to meet every six months within a strategic dialogue in Geneva, aiming to facilitate the interaction between both;

(vii) the Advisory Council shall meet every six months and shall assess the progress made by both the Lebanese Civil Society and Government as well as the local United Nations Missions;

(viii) and the Advisory Council shall build upon the consultancy capacities of NGOs;

(ix) shall submit a final report with recommendations thirty days before the expiration of its mandate;

8. *Highlighting the importance for domestic peace*



- (i) Affirms the need for all parties to keep peace and continues the effort for national dialogue and recommending strengthening the engagement of local peacekeepers and civilian staff, especially in unstable regions;
 - (ii) Establishes and supports counter-terrorism and de-radicalization initiatives in order to foster and maintain peace and stability;
 - (iii) Welcomes and Promotes national dialogue within the Lebanese society, between different regional, cultural, and religious actors and groups as well as international dialogue in the region;
 - (iv) Calls upon the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to initiate and support the repatriation of refugees currently located in Lebanon, while considering the human rights situation in the respective countries;
9. *Authorizes* the Signatories and Sponsors of this Resolution to sanction foreign powers that seek to intervene in internal Lebanese affairs, not include foreign advisors that have been requested by the Lebanese government;
10. *Proclaims* that the members of the Security Council with a Real GDP per Capita of \$40,000 or above are obligated to contribute \$20 million annually towards the Lebanese People's Peace Trust Fund (LPPTF) for Lebanese; Signatories with a Real GDP per Capita below \$40,000 can provide financial aid voluntarily:
- (i) LPPTF will be instituted within the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon;
 - (ii) LPPTF will be administrated by the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon;
 - (iii) the Office of the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon shall assign the money to relevant UN agencies;
 - (iv) Includes a five-Year Plan, which should be monitored, analyzed, and adapted;
 - (v) Long Term Mechanisms to prevent Corruption of LPPTF;
 - (vi) Lebanon will be obligated to provide annual reports of financial allocations;
 - (vii) Financial Aid will have to be equally distributed between Lebanon's Eastern, Western, and Southern Province;
11. Money of the LPPTF that is assigned to ILO shall especially be invested in job training and education to Lebanese youth and workers;
12. *Requests* the Signatories of this Resolution to be committed to assisting Lebanon in the Recovery of its economy by providing the necessary space for domestic economic growth:
- (i) Economic Recovery will allow the Lebanese Economy to act independently from foreign funds;



- (ii) the UN Member States will encourage domestic companies to increase their cooperation with Lebanese youth;
 - (iii) Joint Ventures will be set up between Lebanon and its Neighboring States to revive the strong economic relations:
 - (iii.1) Neighboring countries may create special free trade zones to facilitate such joint ventures, nevertheless, such zones shall not violate the sovereignty of participating states;
 - (iii.2) Such Joint Ventures should only take place at working spots with security prerequisites;
 - (iv) Signatories are committed to encouraging national and private businesses to enhance their trade relations and commercial relations with Lebanese Companies;
 - (v) To allow for a safe return of foreign workers in Lebanon and Lebanese workers abroad, the Signatories of this Resolution are committed to re-opening their diplomatic missions in Tripoli (Embassies) and Benghazi (Consulates);
13. *Endorses* the efforts of Lebanon's interior ministry in Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of militias, supported by the UNIFIL:
- (i) The primary objective of disarmament is for the government to regain access to heavy military equipment;
 - (ii) Rebuilding community trust in the National Government should be facilitated via dialogue platforms, a diverse and representative National Army and Government;
 - (iii) In case of personal eligibility, individuals of militias and Armed Groups should be integrated into a centralized structure of the National Army by the Interim Government and continued by the new Government;
 - (iv) These efforts will be supported by UNIFIL through monitoring efforts;
14. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.