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Statement following Meeting with Prime Minister Najib Mikati**

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Good Morning,

I just had a good meeting with Prime Minister Najib Mikati. It was an opportunity to discuss the latest developments in Lebanon and the region.

We discussed the issue of Syrian refugees and their conditions and the follow up to the international donor meeting in Kuwait. We also discussed security issues and the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701 as we regularly do in our meetings.

I took the opportunity to welcome the discussions in the parliamentary sub-committee on the election law. We hope that they will be successful in reaching agreement soon. The holding of free and fair elections on time in accordance with the constitutional requirements is important for democracy and stability in Lebanon.

The United Nations is helping with technical preparations for the elections, as we have in past years. It is important that technical preparations continue to move forward without delay, to ensure that the elections are held in a timely fashion whatever the electoral law agreed.
