

**Joint statement of the International Support Group (ISG) for Lebanon**

**Beirut, Lebanon**

6 November 2017

The members of the International Support Group met today in Beirut. They express their concern following the announcement of Prime Minister Saad Hariri's resignation. They reaffirm their strong, collective support for the continued unity, stability, sovereignty and security of Lebanon and its people.

ISG members commend Lebanon's leaders for responding to these unforeseen circumstances in a calm and steady manner. They stress the importance for all to support the continuity of Lebanon's State institutions and the holding of timely elections, in adherence with the Constitution.

**Note to Editors**

The International Support Group has brought together the United Nations and the governments of China, France, Germany, Italy, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States, together with the European Union and the Arab League. It was launched in September 2013 by the UN Secretary-General with former President Michel Sleiman to help mobilize support and assistance for Lebanon's stability, sovereignty and state institutions and to specifically encourage assistance for the Lebanese Army, Syrian refugees in Lebanon and host communities and government programs and public services impacted by the Syrian crisis.

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