FORUM: SECURITY COUNCIL

QUESTION OF: Situation in Lebanon

MAIN SUBMITTED BY: UK

CO-SUBMITTED BY: France, Greece, Pakistan, Latvia, Somalia, China, DRC, Panama, Russia, Columbia

THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Recalling its resolutions 1701 (2006), 2539 (2020), and 2650 (2022), and the ceasefire agreement of 26 November 2024 between Israel and Lebanon,

Reaffirming the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized borders,

Recalling the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) as extended by Resolution 2790,

Expressing deep concern about the humanitarian situation in Lebanon, including the displacement of civilians, food insecurity, and the obstruction of humanitarian access,

Acknowledging the importance of the full implementation of resolution 1701 (2006), including the disarmament of all armed groups in Lebanon south of the Litani River and the redeployment of the Lebanese Armed Forces in that area,

Main submitter: UK

1. Encourages Iran, and any other State providing financial or material support to Hezbollah contrary to Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), to end that support in full, and in response,
    a. Expressing its readiness to consider relief from United Nations sanctions measures applicable to those States, with,
        i. Relief provided in phases, each linked to steps that the Security Council has reviewed and confirmed,
        ii. Sanctions reinstated if support to Hezbollah resumes,
    b. Requesting the Government of Lebanon, with international assistance, to monitor ports, airports and border crossings where such flows are alleged, by,
        i. Strengthening customs and financial controls,
        ii. Reporting suspected transfers of funds and weapons to the Security Council,
    c. Urging the States concerned to cooperate with that monitoring, including by,
        i. Sharing information on past and current transfers of funds and weapons,
        ii. Allowing access to the locations concerned for monitoring;

Main submitter: UK

2. Decides, to extend the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) beyond 31 December 2026 for an initial period of 2 years, to be reviewed every six months, so as to support the nation of Lebanon by,
    a. Supporting the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) in extending state authority over all Lebanese territory, including by,
        i. Training and advising LAF units deployed south of the Litani River,
        ii. Monitoring and reporting the presence of unauthorized armed personnel, assets and weapons in that area,
        iii. Coordinating a phased LAF deployment, beginning with agreed pilot zones,
    b. Requesting that Israel withdraw its forces from Lebanese territory in verified phases, in parallel with LAF deployment and the disarmament of armed groups, with UNIFIL,
        i. Verifying each completed phase,
        ii. Reporting to the Council on progress and on violations by any party,
    c. Supporting civilians by,
        i. Monitoring and reporting attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure by any party,
        ii. Reporting obstruction of humanitarian supplies and aid, identifying where it originates,
        iii. Coordinating with the humanitarian access mechanisms established in this resolution,
    d. Strengthening its effectiveness by,
        i. Requiring freedom of movement and access to all sites, as set out in the 1995 Status of Forces Agreement,
        ii. Providing monitoring technology such as radar, drones and satellite imagery,
        iii. Matching the size of the force to its tasks at each six-month review;

Main submitter: Pakistan

3. Demands an immediate cessation of all hostilities and a return to the ceasefire of 26 November 2024 and complying fully with existing Security Council resolutions, through the following measures:
    a. All parties shall immediately cease military operations across the Blue Line and refrain from any action that could further escalate the situation,
    b. Hezbollah and all other armed groups in Lebanon shall halt attacks against Israel;
    c. All parties shall cooperate with UNIFIL deconfliction arrangements and guarantee the safety of peacekeepers,
    d. Establishing a direct communication between the Israel Government and Lebanon Government to quickly share the situation happened and reduce the chance of military action due to misunderstandings,
    e. An immediate cessation of hostilities and the full implementation of Resolution 1701 (2006),

i. The complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from occupied Lebanese territory, in accordance with Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity,
ii. Strict adherence by all parties to ceasefire arrangements, verified through enhanced monitoring and reporting mechanisms;

Main Submitter: France

4. Demands that Hezbollah, all other armed groups in Lebanon, and the Government of Lebanon take the following measures to restore the authority of the Lebanese state with the respect from Israel to Lebanese sovereignty and to withdraw from areas captured since the start of the current hostilities, based on the following measures:
    a. Hezbollah shall immediately cease all military operations and avoid any military or security activity outside the authority of the Lebanese state and shall refrain from maintaining unauthorized armed personnel, assets, or weapons in areas under the control of the Lebanese Armed Forces,
    b. The Government of Lebanon shall exercise full control over the entire territory of Lebanon, including by deploying the Lebanese Armed Forces south of the Litani River, including:
        i. To secure the border and prevent unauthorized armed presence,
        ii. To coordinate closely with UNIFIL in accordance with resolution 1701 (2006),
    c. Israel shall refrain from any land-based or long-term military intervention in Lebanon and shall respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon and shall withdraw its forces from areas captured consistent with the ceasefire agreement of 26 November 2024, including:
        i. A phased withdrawal schedule to be submitted to the Council,
        ii. Coordination with UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces,
    d. UNIFIL shall verify that the area south of the Litani River is free of unauthorized armed personnel, assets, and weapons, including:
        i. Through strengthened monitoring and reporting modalities,
        ii. In coordination with the Lebanese Armed Forces;

Main Submitter: Greece

5. Requests the Secretary-General to establish a UNIFIL-supported maritime humanitarian access team for southern Lebanon to ensure medical supplies, food and essential goods reach civilians in nearby areas by:
    a. Directs that the team operates under three conditions;
        i. It coordinates movements with UNIFIL Maritime Task Force and Lebanese Armed Forces,
        ii. It prioritizes medical evacuation and hospital resupply,
        iii. It reports to the Council on cargo delivered and access denials, identifying where the obstruction originates from,

b. Calling upon all parties to guarantee safe passage for personnel operating under this team, consistent with international humanitarian law, and to refrain from any action that would cause its failure,
c. Encouraging member states with naval assets in the Eastern Mediterranean to second vessels or staff to the team on a voluntary basis;

Main submitter: Greece

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council within 90 days on the humanitarian access situation in southern Lebanon and on the operational readiness of the Lebanese Armed Forces in areas of military operations by:
    a. Including a report that should specifically address,
        i. Whether the explosive ordnance has progressed to permit civilian returns, given that over 300,000 people remain displaced,
        ii. Whether health services and supply networks in return areas can support the returning populations,
    b. Requesting that the report also assesses the funding and operational gaps facing humanitarian access,
    c. Requesting that the report includes recommendations on the future of the maritime access team, whether it should be extended, adjusted, or turned back, and on how its work should be coordinated;

Main Submitter: Latvia

7. Urges to establish a comprehensive humanitarian access framework to provide emergency humanitarian assistance, including food, clean water, medical support, and housing, to displaced populations in Lebanon by:
    a. Establishing temporary humanitarian distribution centers in areas with high density of displaced population by the support of donations, humanitarian organizations, and donor countries by:
        i. Ensuring transparent distribution of the assistance materials by the supervision of UN and related organizations,
        ii. Providing temporary housing to displaced people, especially focusing on children, elders, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable classes,
    b. Ensuring that all parties guarantee the safety and security of UN's personnel while supporting diplomatic negotiations toward constructing a durable political framework;

Main submitter: Latvia

8. Encourages international organizations and donor countries to support the reconstruction of damaged infrastructures essential to human life in Lebanon, especially hospitals, schools, and residential facilities by:
    a. Providing students educational materials and temporary educational spaces to prevent long-term disruption of education by:
        i. Requesting teacher organizations from donor countries to produce educational materials such as textbooks,

    ii. Encouraging United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and relevant humanitarian organizations to share resources to construct temporary educational spaces in places accessible to students,

b. All Member States shall support the humanitarian response in Lebanon, including through voluntary contributions to the United Nations Humanitarian Response Plan, and shall refrain from any action that could undermine the delivery of humanitarian assistance,
c. Urges the Government of Lebanon to allocate at least 2.5% of its annual national tax revenue to the reconstruction of hospitals and schools, including the reconstruction of the facilities and systematic improvements,
d. Prohibiting deliberate attacks against civilian infrastructures such as hospitals and schools by:
    i. Establishing clearly identified safe zones agreed by the involved parties with protection from United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL),
    ii. Ensuring the safety and freedom of medical professionals and humanitarian workers working in safe zones.