## Those who are with Lebanon will not Condition their Aid

Lebanon has many friends throughout the world who love her deeply and wish to help her in this time of grief and need. We wish to be counted among them.

Lebanon also has many who call themselves friends but seek to take advantage during this very difficult time of vulnerability. We hope Lebanon will avoid those who have ulterior motives and will trust and rely upon those who want only to help Lebanon restore its vibrant, creative, tolerant and prosperous society, which has been a magnet for all Arab civilization and the rest of the world.

We stand ready to support Lebanon and all of its diverse people in their freedom, independence and sovereignty. The choice of what Lebanon should be, the form of government it should have and how it should conduct its affairs belongs solely to the Lebanese people. We pledge to help them defend that right against the evils of imperialism, Zionism, neocolonialism and their friends in the region who are trying to profit from this tragedy to advance their agenda and seeking to use this tragic event for their own ongoing plot against Lebanon and the region.

Long live Lebanon and the Lebanese people!

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