

Statement by

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Excellency,

Thank you very much for giving me the floor. I am delivering this statement in my national capacity.

Excellency,

The world has witnessed, through chilling videos, the catastrophic explosions that shook the foundation of the City of Peace: Beirut on Tuesday the 4th of August.

The explosions took precious innocent lives; left thousands of people injured and homeless, caused serious damage to private and public infrastructure and properties and left long lasting scares in the memory of the Lebanese people.

Today, we stand united in solidarity and sympathy with the Government and people of Lebanon.

The message coming out of this meeting: Lebanon-- you are not alone. The whole world is with you in your grief and determination to overcome this calamity.

The Stability of Lebanon is and will remain of paramount importance to regional and international peace and security.

Excellency,

From the very spot where the explosions took place Phoenician ships cruised the Mediterranean and beyond 1500 BC spreading trade, culture and lasting interlinks.

Lebanon has and will always be a beacon of culture and enlightenment. The world will not let this bastion of freedom and enlightenment slip into destruction.

Excellency,

Heartfelt condolences and sympathy of the Government and people of the Sultanate of Oman go to our Lebanese brethren. Oman will spare no possible effort to stand with them in their quest for prosperity.

In conclusion, allow me to add my voice to those who spoke before me calling on the international community to stand solid and firm with Lebanon in its effort to rebuild and mend broken souls.

My last words to the City of Peace: Beirut and to the Lebanese people you will triumph.

Thank you.