



*The Permanent Mission of Portugal
to the United Nations*

**Statement by Portugal at the Virtual Humanitarian Briefing on Lebanon
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I thank OCHA and USG Lowcock for this briefing.

On behalf of the Government and people of Portugal, I express our deep condolences and solidarity to the families of the victims and with the people and Government of Lebanon.

Portugal stands with you in this dire moment. In this context, we will anticipate our contribution to CERF, aiming at a greater flexibility of that Fund in allocating resources to the most immediate needs.

Portugal also offered, in the framework of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism, a team of 42 elements with expertise in search and rescue and monitoring of air quality, as well as a medical team. They are in stand by, ready to travel according to the needs of the Lebanese authorities.

I thank you