

EU Presidency statement on Lebanon

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The Presidency of the European Union welcomes the United Nations Security Council's unanimous approval of Resolution 1701 that calls for a full cessation of hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah. This resolution sets the required framework for a political settlement that only can bring a lasting solution to the crisis.

The Presidency urges all parties to fully respect the resolution and implement it without delay.

The Presidency also welcomes the United Nations Security Council's intention to consider in a later resolution further enhancements to the mandate of UNIFIL and other steps to contribute to the implementation of a permanent ceasefire and a long-term solution.

The Presidency reminds of the need to work for a comprehensive peace plan for the Middle East.