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### The Lebanese-American Coordinating Committee (LACC)

#### Lebanon at a Crossroads

#### Challenges and Opportunities Following the Ceasefire

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Lebanon stands at a pivotal moment following the recent ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah. While the cessation of hostilities brings immediate relief, it also presents significant challenges and opportunities for the nation to restore sovereignty, stabilize its political landscape, and rebuild its economy. The Lebanese people overwhelmingly desire peace, stability, and a country free from external interference.

However, solutions that do not address the root causes of Lebanon's instability will only provide a short reprieve. Without meaningful actions—such as curtailing Iran's influence and preventing Hezbollah from rebuilding its capacity north of the Litani River—the cycle of violence is likely to erupt again.

The international community, particularly the United States and France, has a crucial role in supporting Lebanon during this critical period. Their engagement is essential to ensure the full implementation of UNSCRs **1559, 1680, and 1701**, and to secure lasting peace and stability in the region.

##### **Recommendations**

To address these challenges and seize the opportunities presented by the ceasefire, the **Lebanese-American Coordinating Committee (LACC)** urges the United States and the international community to take the following actions:

- 1. Exert diplomatic pressure and provide necessary support** to ensure the full enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolutions **1559, 1680, and 1701**, and to ensure that Hezbollah and all other armed militias surrender their weapons to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF).
- 2. Support an expanded mandate for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)** to monitor and enforce disarmament throughout the Lebanese territories, including areas north of the Litani River.
- 3. Reinforce the Lebanese government's exclusive authority** over military and foreign policy decisions, as mandated by the Taëf Agreement and the

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Lebanese Constitution. This includes curtailing Iran's and its allies' influence in Lebanon by enforcing other international resolutions in the region, such as UNSCR **2254**, bolstering existing sanctions, and implementing new measures as necessary.

4. **Continue to support the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and Internal Security Forces (ISF)** by providing training, equipment, and financial assistance to enhance their capabilities. Empowering these institutions is vital for maintaining security, enforcing laws, and ensuring the state's monopoly on the use of force throughout Lebanon.
5. **Insisting on the Speaker of the Parliament** to convene parliament and allow delegates to elect a president committed to the Lebanese Constitution and to upholding UNSCRs **1559, 1680, and 1701**. The U.S. can offer support for transparent electoral processes and consider applying targeted sanctions against individuals obstructing the electoral process.

Lebanon's path forward depends on decisive action to restore state sovereignty, implement international resolutions, and address the root causes of instability. By embracing these recommendations and ensuring the implementation of international resolutions, the United States and the international community can assist Lebanon in overcoming current challenges, preventing future conflicts, and securing a peaceful and prosperous future for its people.

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