

U.S. Statement
HRC -5 Lebanon

Thank you, Mr. President.

The United States remains concerned about the suffering of the Lebanese people as a result of the conflict of last summer. We have worked closely with the government of Lebanon, with major donors, and with international financial institutions to provide substantial resources to assist in Lebanon's reconstruction.

The United States supports fully the Siniora government and the people of Lebanon as they defend their democratic gains. The Lebanese are making tremendous sacrifices for liberty, and we commend their determination and will continue to support their search for a free and peaceful country.

We reaffirm our commitment to the reconstruction of Lebanon and to the building of a strong and secure Lebanese state for all Lebanese people. In this regard, we commend the Council on its work to promote and protect human rights and to advance the cause of peace. We continue to believe that the path to peace in Lebanon requires full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1559, including the disbanding and disarmament of all militias on Lebanese territory. We call upon the Council to live up to its mandate to promote and protect human rights and to advance the cause of peace.

Thank you, Mr. President