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RESOLUTION **ON** **LEBANON**

On the occasion of the CDI Leaders Meeting in Rome, which will be held on 21st-22nd September 2012, the Lebanese Union of Christians Democrats recommends that the Executive Committee of the IDC adopts the following resolutions regarding Lebanon and the Middle East:

A) Regarding Lebanon:

- 1) Respect of the sovereignty , independence , integrity and inviolability of the Lebanese territory
- 2) Support to a democratic regime respecting religious and cultural plurality and diversity
- 3) Preservation of natural resources, heritage and environment of Lebanon
- 4) Support to Non-Government Organisations and civil society
- 5) Respect for Human rights
- 6) Respect and support of all the UN resolutions on Lebanon.
- 7) The common history of Turkey and Armenia especially with regard to the period 1914-1918 should be thoroughly reviewed. CDI encourages both countries to ratify the Treaty on the normalization of their relationship (opening of the joint common border) and the start of diplomatic relations dating from 2009.

B) The points we would like to emphasise:

- 1) Extend the presence of the Lebanese army on the international borders and across all the Lebanese territory.
- 2) All weapons must be under the control of the Lebanese state.

- 3) Support an electoral law leading to a fair representation of all the components of the Lebanese society.
- 4) CDI asks for a clarification according to International Law on the territorial belonging of the territories occupied by Israel (Sheeba-Farms) as well as a hand-over of these disputed territories to United Nations custody until the question is formally resolved.
- 5) Removal of all unofficial weapons. Withdrawals of weapons inside and outside the Palestinian camps.
- 6) Stop violence in Syria, the political fallout and internal strife of which constitute a serious danger to Lebanon
- 7) Protect all minorities, and the Christians in Lebanon and in the Middle-East, by effective and deterrent measures
- 8) Claim the neutrality of Lebanon by the UN and encourage the largest possible internal consensus.
- 9) Stop interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon from all foreign countries and especially neighbouring countries.

Roma, 21st September 2012