

## Resolution on the political situation in Lebanon

- Noting that Lebanon's democracy is under threat by non-democratic forces, namely the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, trying to drag the country's constitutional institutions into the Iranian influence;
- Noting that the country's 2016 presidential deal, dictated by Hezbollah, provided an upper hand for Hezbollah and its allies in the parliament as well as the Lebanese government;
- Observing that Lebanon's economic indicators are in a 10 years low, with transparency, freedom of expression and good governance ratings at their worst, and government crackdown against the opposition in an escalation mode;
- Acknowledging the international efforts executed by the United States, the EU and other international friends of Lebanon to support the country's disassociation policy, its economy, its Armed Forces, as well as its emergency response efforts to host 1.5 million Syrian Refugees on its territory;
- Considering that the path to peace, security, growth and prosperity in Lebanon should start with the disarmament of all Lebanese and foreign militias on Lebanese territory, with full control of the state on its sovereign land, waters and airspace;
- Recalling that the UN Security Council issued 2 crucial Resolutions regarding Lebanon's security, peace and stability, the UNSC 1559 and 1701 in 2004 and 2006 respectively;

### The CDI:

1. Calls on the EU High Representative on Foreign Policy to issue a statement condemning the undemocratic work of the Lebanese government, highlighting the high levels of corruption and calling upon the Lebanese ruling parties to abide by the economic reforms and austerity measures necessary to save the Lebanese economy.
2. Calls on the EU High Representative on Foreign Policy to visit Lebanon and condemn the illegitimate presence of armed militias on Lebanese soil, calling the Lebanese government to fully implement the UNSC 1559 and 1701.
3. Calls on the UNSC, during its revision on the UN Secretary General's Statement on the progress of the UNSC Resolution 1559, to issue a statement calling upon the Lebanese Government to adhere by the stated resolution and implement all its articles.
4. Calls on the International Community to pressure Iran to stope its interference in the Lebanese domestic matters, by its military and financial support to Hezbollah, and by its repeated threats to use Lebanon as a platform to send messages to the Arab Countries and the International Community.

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