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**Press Release**

**UN's Najat Rochdi Meets Patriarch Bechara Boutros El-Rahi**

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Ms. Najat Rochdi, Officer in Charge of the Office of the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL) and Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Lebanon, met yesterday with Maronite Patriarch Bechara Boutros El-Rahi. They discussed the latest developments in Lebanon, including the deepening socio-economic crisis and its impact on the Lebanese people. Ms. Rochdi listened to Patriarch Rahi's proposal and views on holding an international conference for Lebanon.

Ms. Rochdi reiterated the UN's longstanding and continuous support for Lebanon, in cooperation with other international partners, including through humanitarian, recovery and reconstruction assistance following last year's tragic Beirut Port explosion, during the COVID19 health emergency and during the grave economic and social crisis. This support was reaffirmed at the 2 December international conference co-chaired by France and the UN to support the Lebanese people.

The UN hopes that Lebanon's leaders will prioritize Lebanon's national interest and rapidly overcome their differences to form a new government that addresses the country's numerous challenges, meets the aspirations of the Lebanese people and implements necessary reforms.

The UN remains committed to supporting Lebanon, its stability, political independence, and sovereignty.

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