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**UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert  
On the Election of Lebanon's President**

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The United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, congratulates Joseph Aoun on his election today as President of the Republic of Lebanon. She welcomes the election of a president as a long-awaited first step towards overcoming Lebanon's political and institutional vacuum and providing the Lebanese people with the functioning state institutions they deserve.

“A prime minister must be designated and a government formed without delay. The tasks ahead of the Lebanese State are too monumental to waste any more time,” the Special Coordinator stressed. “Now is the moment for each and every decision-maker to put the interest of Lebanon above all personal or political considerations.”

The election of a president offers renewed hope and an opportunity to pave the way for progress towards consolidating the cessation of hostilities and preserving the country's security and stability, including by strengthening state authority across Lebanon and advancing comprehensive and sustainable reforms.

The United Nations looks forward to working with President Aoun and relevant authorities to support Lebanon as it takes meaningful and measurable steps in this direction.

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