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TRIPARTITE MEETING

Lebanon – UNIFIL’s Force Commander Major-General Claudio Graziano and senior officials from the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) today held a tripartite meeting at the UN Position at the border crossing at Ras Al Naqoura to discuss the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). The parties addressed issues related to the full respect of the Blue Line. They also discussed the northern part of Ghajar, with a view to expediting the withdrawal of the IDF from this area to south of the Blue Line.

An agreement was reached on UNIFIL’s coordination and liaison arrangements with the LAF and the IDF respectively, which will improve the Mission’s ability to enhance security in its area of operations and deal with potential incidents.

After the meeting, Major-General Graziano expressed his satisfaction with the progress made. *“The meeting was held in a constructive atmosphere,” he said, “It was a productive meeting, and I look forward to the coordination arrangements contributing to an improved level of confidence on the ground.”*

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