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ELECTION OF NEW LEBANESE PRESIDENT WELCOMED

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today welcomed the election of a new Lebanese President by a majority of Lebanese parliamentarians representative of all communities.

"The election of Mr. René Muawad as President is a very important landmark on the road to peace and national reconciliation in Lebanon", Mr. Clark stated. "We will continue to urge all parties involved to implement fully the Taif agreement".

Mr. Clark paid tribute to the dedicated sense of responsibility of the Lebanese parliamentarians towards their country and the continuing efforts of the Tripartite Committee of Arab Heads of States towards resolving the conflict in Lebanon. He urged upon all Lebanese to rally behind their new President in his efforts to make progress towards the reconstruction of Lebanon and the complete realization of Lebanese sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

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