

Resolution on the Military Escalation in Lebanon

Noting that since the October 7th attacks, Israel's war on Hamas affected the entire Eastern Mediterranean region's stability and threatened to escalate into a regional war;

Observing the fact that since October 8th, skirmishes are taking place along the Lebanese Southern border with Israel; between Hezbollah and other Palestinian militias and the Israeli army;

Recalling that the UN Security Council issued 2 crucial Resolutions regarding Lebanon's security, peace and stability, the UNSC Resolutions 1559 in 2004 and 1701 in 2006, that are being daily violated for the past month;

Noting that Lebanon's democracy is under threat by non-democratic forces, namely the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, that are blocking the elections of a new President of the Republic and imposing a vacancy in the presidency since October 31st 2022;

Observing that Lebanon's economic and financial crises risk of driving the country into a total collapse which is being accelerated by the presence of 2 million Syrian & Palestinian Refugees on its soil;

Acknowledging the international efforts executed by the United States, the EU, UK, the Arab countries and other international friends of Lebanon to support the country's disassociation policy, its economy, its Armed Forces and its financial stability;

Considering that the path to peace, security, growth and prosperity in Lebanon should start with the election of a new President of the Republic and the formation of a new cabinet that can implement much needed reform in coordination with the IMF;

The IDC-CDI:

1. Calls on the EU High Representative on Foreign Policy to engage with his Lebanese counterparts to diffuse any potential escalation from the Lebanese side on the border with Israel;
2. Calls on the EU High Representative on Foreign Policy to condemn the illegitimate presence of armed militias on Lebanese soil, calling the Lebanese government to fully implement the UNSC Resolutions 1559 and 1701.
3. Calls on the Iranian Regime and Hezbollah to refrain from dragging Lebanon into a war that will only bring destruction and civilian casualties with no interest whatsoever for Lebanon and the Lebanese people.
4. Calls on the International Community to pressure Iran to stop 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 its foes in the region.