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## Resolution 2695 (2023)

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*The Security Council,*

*Recalling* all its previous resolutions on Lebanon, in particular resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 1559 (2004), 1680 (2006), 1701 (2006), 1773 (2007), 1832 (2008), 1884 (2009), 1937 (2010) and 2004 (2011), 2064 (2012), 2115 (2013), 2172 (2014) and 2236 (2015), 2305 (2016), 2373 (2017), 2433 (2018), 2485 (2019), 2539 (2020), 2591 (2021) and 2650 (2023) as well as the statements of its President on the situation in Lebanon and the Press statements dated 19 December 2016, 27 March 2018, 9 August 2018, 8 February 2019, 27 September 2021, 4 February 2022, 25 May 2022, 7 July 2022, 19 October 2022 and 15 December 2022,

*Strongly urging* the Lebanese political leadership and Members of Parliament to assume their responsibilities and prioritise the national interest by electing a new President without further delay,

*Expressing grave concern* about the obstacles to the political process and implementation of the necessary reforms including economic reforms, *stressing* the urgent need for the Lebanese authorities to respond to the aspirations of the Lebanese people in order to overcome and recover from the current unprecedented acute political, social, economic and humanitarian crises by the urgent implementation of previously outlined tangible reforms that would enable the quick conclusion of an agreement with the IMF and the implementation of the commitments made by Lebanon in the framework of the CEDRE conference of 6 April 2018 as well as the International Support Group for Lebanon meeting in Paris on 11 December 2019, *reiterating* support to Lebanon to help it exit the current crises and to address the economic, security, and humanitarian challenges, underlining the importance of delivering reforms to ensure effective international support and *calling* upon the international community, including international organizations, to do so,

*Welcoming* the delineation by Lebanon and Israel, through mediation, of a maritime boundary on 27 October, 2022, which will contribute to the stability, the security, and the prosperity of the region,

*Expressing* its solidarity with Lebanon and its people in the aftermath of the explosions which struck Beirut on 4 August 2020, causing a significant number of casualties and wounding thousands of people, including some United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) personnel, and causing severe damages to commercial and residential infrastructures as well as to UNIFIL capacities, *welcoming* the



International Conference on Assistance and Support to Lebanon and Beirut, organized on the 9 August 2020 by France and the United Nations and the follow-up International Conferences organized by France and the United Nations on 2 December 2020 and 4 August 2021, *further calling* the international community to reinforce its support to Lebanon and its people in that context, *deploring* the lack of progress of an independent, impartial, thorough and transparent investigation into the explosions by the Lebanese judicial system, and *further stressing* the need for such an investigation,

*Responding* to the request of the Government of Lebanon to extend the mandate of the UNIFIL for a period of one year presented in a letter from the Lebanese caretaker Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants to the Secretary General of 21 June 2023 and welcoming the letter from the Secretary-General to its President of 3 August 2023 (S/2023/587) recommending this extension,

*Reiterating* its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon,

*Reaffirming* its commitment to the full implementation of all provisions of resolution 1701 (2006), and aware of its responsibilities to help secure a permanent ceasefire and a long-term solution as envisioned in the resolution,

*Expressing deep concern* at the continued lack of progress made towards the establishment of a permanent ceasefire and other key provisions of resolution 1701 (2006) seventeen years after its adoption,

*Calling upon* all concerned parties to strengthen their efforts, including by exploring concrete solutions with the Special Coordinator of the Secretary-General and the UNIFIL Force Commander, to fully implement all provisions of resolution 1701 (2006) without delay,

*Expressing deep concern* at all violations, both by air and ground, in connection with resolution 1701 (2006) as underlined by the Secretary-General in his reports, and recalling the importance of control of the Government of Lebanon over all Lebanese territory,

*Expressing concern* at the continued Israeli presence in northern Ghajar and an adjacent area north of the Blue Line, and *underlining* that the continuation of construction works in the area run contrary to the necessary withdrawal of the Israel Defense Forces,

*Expressing concern* regarding the installation of tents south of the Blue Line in the occupied Shab'a Farms, near Bastrah, with individuals crossing from north of the Blue Line to access the structure which the Secretary-General assesses constitutes a violation of resolution 1701,

*Underlining* the risk that violations of the cessation of hostilities could lead to a new conflict that none of the parties or the region can afford,

*Urging* all parties to make every effort to ensure that the cessation of hostilities is sustained, exercise maximum calm and restraint and refrain from any action or rhetoric that could jeopardize the cessation of hostilities or destabilize the region,

*Condemning* the incidents of August-September 2019, 14 April 2020, 17 April 2020, 27 July 2020 May 2021, 20 July 2021, 4–6 August 2021, 25 April 2022, 6 and 7 April 2023 and 6 July 2023 which occurred across the Blue Line, *calling on* the parties to resort to the Tripartite Mechanism when such incidents occur, and further *commending* the liaison and prevention role played by UNIFIL allowing for de-escalation,

*Emphasizing* to all parties the importance of full compliance with the prohibition on sales and supply of arms and related materiel established by resolution 1701 (2006), and *reiterating* its call for the Government of Lebanon to secure its borders and other entry points to prevent the entry in Lebanon without its consent of arms or related materiel and for UNIFIL, as authorized in paragraph 11 of resolution 1701 (2006) to assist the Government of Lebanon at its request,

*Reiterating* the importance of the extension of the control of the Government of Lebanon over all Lebanese territory in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1559 (2004) and resolution 1680 (2006), and of the relevant provisions of the Taif Accords,

*Encouraging* all Lebanese parties to resume discussions towards a consensus on a National Defence Strategy through a national dialogue as soon as a new President is elected, in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions and the Taif Agreement,

*Recalling* the utmost importance that all parties concerned respect the Blue Line in its entirety, *noting* with concern the installation of containers and other infrastructure along the Blue Line which restrict UNIFIL's access to, or visibility of the Blue Line, and whose proximity to UNIFIL positions is also of concern, also *noting* with great and increasing concern that UNIFIL still has not been able to access unauthorized firing ranges and all relevant locations north of the Blue Line related to the discovery of tunnels crossing the Blue Line which UNIFIL reported as a violation of resolution 1701 (2006), and *urging* the Lebanese authorities to urgently conclude all necessary investigations on the matter, in line with resolution 1701 (2006),

*Noting* the lack of progress in the marking of the Blue Line, *encouraging* the parties to resume and accelerate their efforts in coordination with UNIFIL, including through the tripartite mechanism, to continue working in the ongoing process to delineate and visibly mark the Blue Line in its entirety, as well as to move forward on the marking of its points of contention, as recommended by the Strategic Review, and *encouraging* all parties to refrain from any unilateral action which could risk undermining the integrity of the Blue Line,

*Condemning* in the strongest terms all attempts to threaten the security and stability of Lebanon,

*Reaffirming* its determination to ensure that no acts of intimidation prevent UNIFIL from implementing its mandate in accordance with Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), *recalling* the necessity for all parties to ensure that UNIFIL personnel are secure and their freedom of movement is fully respected and unimpeded and continues to respect the separate, supporting mandate under which Observer Group Lebanon operates, *condemning* in the strongest terms all attempts to restrict the freedom of movement of UNIFIL's personnel, all acts of harassment and intimidation and all attacks against peacekeepers, including the attacks against UNIFIL forces on 4 August 2018 near the town of Majdal Zun, on 25 May 2020 in the town of Belida Southern Lebanon, and on the 10 February 2020, in Brashit, on 22 December 2021 in Shaqra, on 4 January 2022 in Bint Jubayl, on 13 January 2022 in Ayta al Sha'b and on 25 January 2022 in Ramiyah and strongly *condemning* in particular the fatal attack on a UNIFIL convoy near Aqibiyah on 14 December 2022 during which a peacekeeper was killed and three others were injured, and underlining that all parties must abide by their obligations to respect the safety of UNIFIL and all United Nations personnel,

*Urging* the Lebanese authorities to swiftly provide UNIFIL with further updates on the actions taken and finalise investigations on these matters, and *taking note of* the issuance of an indictment on 1 June by the military investigative judge in relation

with the killing of a peacekeeper and injuries to three other peacekeepers in the fatal attack on the UNIFIL convoy near Aqibiyah on 14 December 2022,

*Expressing* concern regarding the electronic signature of the fire control radar of an F16 aircraft radar in lock-on mode on a UNIFIL Maritime Task Force vessel on 26 April 2023, and underlining that all parties must abide by their obligations to respect the safety of UNIFIL and all United Nations personnel,

*Recalling* the importance of ensuring the protection of children and taking appropriate measures in this regard, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions on Children and armed conflict,

*Recalling* the relevant principles contained in the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel,

*Commending* the active role and dedication of the personnel of UNIFIL and expressing its strong appreciation to Member States that contribute to UNIFIL and *underlining* the necessity that UNIFIL has at its disposal all necessary means and equipment to carry out its mandate,

*Recognizing* that UNIFIL has successfully implemented its mandate since 2006 and has allowed for maintaining peace and security since then,

*Recalling* the request from the Government of Lebanon to deploy an international force to assist it to exercise its authority throughout the territory, and *reaffirming* UNIFIL's authority to take all necessary action in areas of operations of its forces and as it deems within its capabilities, to ensure that its area of operations is not utilized for hostile activities of any kind and to resist attempts by forceful means to prevent it from discharging its mandate,

*Welcoming* the crucial role played by the Lebanese Armed Forces and security forces, as the only legitimate armed forces in Lebanon, in extending and sustaining the authority of the Government of Lebanon, in particular in southern Lebanon, and responding to other security challenges, including the threat of terrorism, and the strong international commitment to support the Lebanese Armed Forces, which has helped strengthen the capability of the Lebanese Armed Forces to provide security for Lebanon, *strongly urging* further and increased international support to the Lebanese Armed Forces in the context of the current economic crisis, and further noting the relevance of this increased capacity in relation to their efforts to coordinate with UNIFIL in the implementation of the UNIFIL mandate, and *calling upon* Member States to urgently assist the Lebanese Armed Forces as needed to enable it to perform its duties in line with resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#),

*Expressing concern* about the strong negative impact of the current social, economic and humanitarian crises on the capacities of the Lebanese Armed Forces and security forces,

*Recalling* resolution [2378 \(2017\)](#) and its request of the Secretary-General to ensure that data related to the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations, including peacekeeping performance data, is used to improve analytics and the evaluation of mission operations, based on clear and well identified benchmarks, further *recalling* resolution [2436 \(2018\)](#) and its request of the Secretary-General to ensure that decisions to recognize and incentivize outstanding performance and decisions regarding deployment, remediation, training, withholding of financial reimbursement, and repatriation of uniformed or dismissal of civilian personnel, are predicated on objective performance data, and *emphasizing* the need to regularly evaluate UNIFIL's performance such that the mission retains the skills and flexibility needed to effectively carry out its mandate,

*Also recalling* resolution 2242 (2015) and its request of the Secretary-General to initiate, in collaboration with Member States, a revised strategy, within existing resources, to double the number of women in military and police contingents of UN peacekeeping operations,

*Emphasizing* the need to regularly review all peacekeeping operations to ensure efficiency and effectiveness, *including* reviews of UNIFIL when appropriate, taking into account developments on the ground,

*Bearing in mind* the strategic priorities and recommendations identified by the Secretary-General in his letter of 12 March 2012 (S/2012/151) as a result of the Strategic Review of UNIFIL, *taking note* of his letter of 8 March 2017 (S/2017/202) as a result of the most recent Strategic Review of UNIFIL, and *expressing* the need for a follow-up and update,

*Welcoming* the Secretary-General's 1 June 2020 Assessment of UNIFIL and *noting with appreciation* the recommendations to further increase the efficiency and effectiveness of UNIFIL,

*Determining* that the situation in Lebanon continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

1. *Decides* to extend the present mandate of UNIFIL until 31 August 2024;
2. *Commends* the positive role of UNIFIL, whose deployment together with the Lebanese Armed Forces has helped to establish a new strategic environment in southern Lebanon, *welcomes* the expansion of coordinated activities between UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces, and *calls* for further enhancement of this cooperation without prejudice to UNIFIL's mandate;
3. *Affirms* its strong continuing commitment to the existing UNIFIL mandate and calls for the full implementation of resolution 1701 (2006);
4. *Reiterates* its call for Israel and Lebanon to support a permanent ceasefire and a long-term solution based on the principles and elements set out in paragraph 8 of resolution 1701 (2006);
5. *Strongly reaffirms* the necessity of an effective and durable deployment of the Lebanese Armed Forces in southern Lebanon and the territorial waters of Lebanon at an accelerated pace to fully implement the provisions of resolution 1701 (2006) and requests the Secretary-General to include in his future reports assessments of progress made in this regard and *calls* for renewed engagement of UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces in the Strategic Dialogue, which aims at carrying out analysis of ground forces and maritime assets and setting a series of benchmarks reflecting the correlation between the capacities and responsibilities of UNIFIL vis-à-vis those of the Lebanese Armed Forces;
6. *Reiterates* its request for precise benchmarks and timelines to be jointly and promptly elaborated by the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Secretary-General, for the deployments in paragraph 5, with a view to identifying Lebanese Armed Forces progress in implementing tasks mandated in resolution 1701 (2006);
7. *Reiterates its call* for the Government of Lebanon to present a plan to increase its naval capabilities as soon as possible, including with appropriate support from the international community, with the goal of ultimately decreasing UNIFIL's Maritime Taskforce and transitioning its responsibilities to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), in close conjunction with the effective build-up of the capabilities of the Lebanese Navy, *takes note* in that regard of the letter dated 12 March 2019 to the United Nations outlining the commitment of the Government of Lebanon and

welcomes its ongoing efforts towards that goal; *takes note* of the impact of the Beirut explosions on 4 August 2020 on the operations of the LAF;

8. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the continued relevance of UNIFIL's resources and options for improving the efficiency and effectiveness between UNIFIL and UNSCOL, taking into consideration the troop ceiling and the civilian component of UNIFIL (S/2020/473) and requests the Secretary-General to continue the implementation of his detailed plan, with timelines and specific modalities, in full and close consultation with the parties, including Lebanon, the troop-contributing countries and the Members of the Security Council, to implement recommendations, as appropriate, and further requests him to periodically update the Security Council on this process;

9. *Strongly encourages* the Government of Lebanon to accelerate its deployment of a model regiment and an offshore patrol vessel in UNIFIL's area of operations to advance the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006) and the authority of the Lebanese State, *recalls* in this regard the joint statement issued at the end of the 15 March 2018 Rome Conference, in particular Lebanon's concept for a new Model Regiment proposed in the context of the ongoing Strategic Dialogue between the LAF and UNIFIL, *welcomes* the inauguration of the model regiment headquarters on 13 June 2022 and the subsequent deployment of 76 personnel, *calls* upon the Lebanese Armed Forces to work towards a full deployment of model regiment troops at the earliest opportunity, including with the meaningful participation of women military personnel, and *calls* on the Lebanese Armed Forces and UNIFIL to strengthen their coordinated actions;

10. *Strongly urges* further and increased international support for the Lebanese Armed Forces and all state security institutions, which are the only legitimate armed forces of Lebanon, in response to the capabilities development plan of the Lebanese Armed Forces, as well as in the framework of the International Support Group for Lebanon, through additional and expedited assistance in areas where the Lebanese Armed Forces are most critically in need of support, including daily logistical needs and maintenance, counter-terrorism, border protection and naval capacity;

11. *Condemns* all violations of the Blue Line, both by air and ground, and *strongly calls upon* all parties to respect their obligations under international law as well as the cessation of hostilities, to prevent any violation of the Blue Line and to respect it in its entirety, and to cooperate fully with the United Nations and UNIFIL;

12. *Welcomes* the constructive role played by the Tripartite Mechanism in facilitating coordination and in de-escalating tensions, and recognizes the mission leadership's active efforts, which has helped to further stabilize the situation along the Blue Line and build trust between the parties, *expresses* in this regard strong support for the continued efforts of UNIFIL to engage with both parties to facilitate liaison, coordination, and practical arrangements on the ground and to continue to ensure that the Tripartite Mechanism enables the parties to discuss a wider range of issues, and encourages UNIFIL, in close coordination with the parties, to implement measures to further reinforce the capacities of the Tripartite mechanism, including the creation of additional ad hoc sub-committees, as recommended in the assessment report of the Secretary-General, *strongly urges* the parties to make a systematic, constructive and expanded use of the Tripartite mechanism, including the subcommittee on the marking of the Blue Line and additional ad hoc sub-committees and to accelerate efforts to delineate and visibly mark the Blue Line in its entirety, as well as to move forward on resolving points of contention;

13. *Stresses* the need to foster enhanced cooperation between UNIFIL and the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL), with the goal of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the missions, *welcomes* in this

regard the improvements accomplished by the United Nations in terms of efficiencies and effectiveness between UNIFIL and UNSCOL and encourages the Secretary-General to further these efforts;

14. *Urges* all parties to abide scrupulously by their obligation to respect the safety of UNIFIL and other United Nations personnel, *calls on* them to take all appropriate measures to enhance the safety and security of United Nations personnel and equipment, and reiterates its call for closer cooperation between UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces in particular regarding coordinated and adjacent patrols, *welcomes* the commitment of the Lebanese authorities to protect UNIFIL movements and access, and *reiterates* its call for the rapid finalization of the investigations launched by Lebanon regarding all attacks against UNIFIL and its personnel, in particular the incidents of 4 August 2018, 10 February 2020, 22 December 2021, 4, 13 and 25 January 2022 in UNIFIL's area of operations, as well as the fatal incident that took place on 14 December 2022, in order to swiftly bring to justice the perpetrators of these attacks, *recalls the necessity for* the Lebanese authorities to investigate all attacks against UNIFIL and its personnel in line with resolution [2589 \(2021\)](#) and bring to justice the perpetrators of those incidents in accordance with the Lebanese law and *requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council, within a reasonable timeframe, when such incidents occur as well as, when appropriate, on the follow-up of the related pending investigations;

15. *Urges* all parties to cooperate fully with the Head of Mission and UNIFIL in the implementation of resolution 1701, as well as to ensure that the freedom of movement of UNIFIL in all its operations and UNIFIL's access to the Blue Line in all its parts is fully respected and unimpeded, in conformity with its mandate and its rules of engagement, including by avoiding any course of action which endangers United Nations personnel, *reaffirms* that, pursuant to the Agreement on the Status of the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (SOFA) between the Government of Lebanon and the United Nations, UNIFIL does not require prior authorization or permission to undertake its mandated tasks and that UNIFIL is authorized to conduct its operation independently, while continuing to coordinate with the Government of Lebanon, as per the SOFA, *condemns in the strongest terms* all attempts to deny access or restrict the freedom of movement of UNIFIL's personnel and all attacks on UNIFIL personnel and equipment as well as acts of harassment and intimidation of UNIFIL personnel and disinformation campaigns against UNIFIL; *calls on* the Government of Lebanon to facilitate UNIFIL's prompt and full access to sites requested by UNIFIL for the purpose of swift investigation, including all locations of interest, all relevant locations north of the Blue Line related to the discovery of tunnels crossing the Blue Line which UNIFIL reported as a violation of resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#), and unauthorized firing ranges in line with resolution 1701, while respecting the Lebanese Sovereignty;

16. *Demands* the parties cease any restrictions and hindrances to the movement of UNIFIL personnel and guarantee the freedom of movement of UNIFIL, including by allowing announced and unannounced patrols;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take all appropriate measures to review and enhance the safety and security of peacekeeping personnel of UNIFIL, in line with resolution [2518 \(2020\)](#), the Action Plan on improving safety and security related to the report on "Improving Security of United Nations Peacekeepers" and other relevant Security Council resolutions;

18. *Urges* all parties to cooperate fully with the Security Council and the Secretary-General to make tangible progress towards a permanent ceasefire and a long-term solution as envisioned in resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and on all outstanding

issues in the implementation of Security Council resolutions [1701 \(2006\)](#), [1680 \(2006\)](#) and [1559 \(2004\)](#), and other relevant Security Council resolutions;

19. *Strongly urges* the Government of Israel to expedite the withdrawal of its army from northern Ghajar and the adjacent area north of the Blue Line without further delay in coordination with UNIFIL, which has actively engaged Israel and Lebanon to facilitate such a withdrawal;

20. *Reaffirms* its call on all States to fully support and respect the establishment between the Blue Line and the Litani River of an area free of any armed personnel, assets and weapons other than those of the Government of Lebanon and UNIFIL;

21. *Condemns* the continued maintenance of arms outside the control of the Lebanese State by armed groups in violation of resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and *recalls* paragraph 15 of resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) according to which all States shall take the necessary measures to prevent, by their nationals or from their territories or using flag vessels or aircraft, the sale or supply of arms and related materiel to any entity or individual in Lebanon other than those authorized by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL;

22. *Acting* in support of a request from the Government of Lebanon to deploy an international force to assist it to exercise its authority throughout the territory, *recalls its authorization* to UNIFIL to take all necessary action in areas of deployment of its forces and as it deems within its capabilities, to ensure that its area of operations is not utilized for hostile activities of any kind, to resist attempts by forceful means to prevent it from discharging its duties under the mandate of the Security Council, and to protect United Nations personnel, facilities, installations and equipment, ensure the security and freedom of movement of United Nations personnel, humanitarian workers and, without prejudice to the responsibility of the Government of Lebanon, to protect civilians under imminent threat of physical violence;

23. *Commends* UNIFIL's operational changes in line with resolution [2373 \(2017\)](#) and resolution [2433 \(2018\)](#) and the adoption in February 2023 of a strategy to address misinformation and disinformation in line with resolution [2650 \(2022\)](#) and *reiterates* its request that the Secretary-General look at ways to enhance UNIFIL's efforts as regards paragraph 12 of resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and paragraph 13 of this resolution, including ways to increase UNIFIL's visible presence, including through patrols and inspections, within its existing mandate and capabilities, requests UNIFIL to improve its communication efforts to support the implementation of its mandate, enhance its protection, and raise awareness on its mandate, its role, and its authority to operate independently, as well as to underscore the role and responsibilities of the Lebanese authorities in line with resolution 1701, and to keep on prioritizing the development of an annual strategic communications strategy outlining how it will improve these efforts, and requests UNIFIL to strengthen its efforts to monitor and to counter disinformation and misinformation that might hinder the mission's ability to implement its mandate or threaten the safety and security of peacekeepers and to develop an annual strategy to counter disinformation and misinformation;

24. *Recalls* the decision that UNIFIL shall assist the government of Lebanon, at its request, as set out in paragraph 14 of resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and within its capabilities, to implement resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#);

25. *Underscores* that the sustainability of peace and security supports is improved by the implementation of the United Nations Department of Operational Support's Environment Strategy (Phase II), which emphasizes good stewardship of resources and a positive legacy of the mission, and identifies the goal of expanded



renewable energy use in missions to enhance safety and security, save costs, offer efficiencies and benefit the mission;

26. *Welcomes* the efforts being undertaken by UNIFIL to implement the Secretary-General's zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to ensure full compliance of its personnel with the United Nations code of conduct, requests the Secretary-General to continue to take necessary measures to ensure full compliance of all personnel, civilian and uniformed, in UNIFIL with the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Security Council fully informed about the Mission's progress in this regard, *stresses* the need to prevent such exploitation and abuse and to improve how allegations are addressed in line with its resolution [2272 \(2016\)](#), and urges troop-contributing countries to continue taking appropriate preventative action, including vetting of all personnel, pre-deployment and in-mission awareness training, and to take appropriate steps to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel, including through timely investigations of allegations, as appropriate, and to hold perpetrators accountable and repatriate units when there is credible evidence of widespread or systemic sexual exploitation and abuse by those units;

27. *Requests* UNIFIL to take fully into account gender considerations as a cross-cutting issue throughout its mandate and to assist the Lebanese authorities in ensuring the full, equal, effective and meaningful participation, involvement and representation of women at all levels of decision-making in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, including in the security sector, further requests continued reporting by UNIFIL to the Security Council on this issue, and request UNIFIL to continue supporting these efforts within its mandate *welcomes* the continued progress made to implement Lebanon's first National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, commends the increase in women's participation in the LAF Military Academy and encourages the Government of Lebanon to continue to fully implement its National Action Plan, with the support of the United Nations and women's civil society organizations, as soon as possible, including to prevent and respond to sexual and gender based violence and to increase women's representation in all levels of Lebanon's security forces and governments;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the troop-contributing countries to seek to increase the number of women in UNIFIL, as well as to ensure the full, effective and meaningful participation of women in all aspects of operations and to implement relevant provisions of resolution [2538 \(2020\)](#) in this regard;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the planning and conduct of UNIFIL's operations, to implement peacekeeping performance requirements under resolutions [2378 \(2017\)](#) and [2436 \(2018\)](#);

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Council on the implementation of resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#), every four months, or at any time as he deems appropriate, and to include in his reporting a prompt and detailed breakdown of all resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) violations, clarifications by the parties and updates on all efforts to hold perpetrators of such violations accountable as well as pending investigations into such violations of resolution 1701, prompt and detailed reports on violations of the sovereignty of Lebanon, on restrictions to UNIFIL's freedom of movement, including details concerning requests submitted by UNIFIL to the Lebanese authorities and any additional steps taken by UNIFIL, attacks, provocations and incitement to hatred and violence and disinformation and misinformation campaigns against UNIFIL, an annex on progress made in mobilization of international support for the LAF, an enhanced annex on the implementation on the arms embargo, reports on specific areas where UNIFIL does not access and on the reasons behind these restrictions, potential risks to the cessation of hostilities and

UNIFIL's response as well as reports on progress made as regards the detailed plan on the implementation of the 1 June assessment report as set out in paragraph 8 of the present resolution and on additional identified efficiencies to most appropriately fulfil its mandated tasks; measures to keep on improving external communication of the mission and to counter disinformation and misinformation; *requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide concrete and detailed information on the aforementioned issues to the Council, in line with changes to enhance reporting since the adoption of resolutions [2373 \(2017\)](#), [2433 \(2018\)](#), [2485 \(2019\)](#), [2539 \(2020\)](#) and [2650 \(2022\)](#);

31. *Stresses* the importance of, and the need to achieve, a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, based on all its relevant resolutions including its resolutions [242 \(1967\)](#) of 22 November 1967, [338 \(1973\)](#) of 22 October 1973, [1515 \(2003\)](#) of 19 November 2003 and [1850 \(2008\)](#) of 16 December 2008;

32. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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