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**U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
Member States Briefing on the humanitarian situation in Lebanon**

Intervention by Mr. Yannick GALEAZZI, First Secretary

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Mr. Chair,
Excellencies,
Dear Colleagues,

The Sovereign Order of Malta thanks OCHA for organising this important briefing and H.E. Ambassador Salim BADDOURA for his contribution. We are indeed appalled by the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Lebanon.

As the second largest primary healthcare organisation in the country, all of our medico-social centres and personnel have been mobilised to adapt and respond to this unprecedented situation, that comes at a time when the country is still facing a grave financial, political and socio-economic crisis.

While we continue our day-to-day operations, we are enhancing our response according to the assessment of relief needs arising daily, focusing on the needs of IDPs with shelter, basic assistance, healthcare, food security, nutrition and WASH, as well as psychological support.

In cooperation with OCHA, UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces, Order of Malta Lebanon has been able to conduct 5 missions to evacuate vulnerable people from the South of the country. On that matter, I wish to sincerely thank Mr. Imran Riza and his team for their support.

Mr. Chair,

The Sovereign Order of Malta calls for an immediate ceasefire, the respect of IHL, the mandate of the UNIFIL, the full implementation of UNSC resolution 1701, and ensuring unimpeded humanitarian access,

In concluding, allow me to reiterate the Order of Malta's closeness to the Lebanese people in this extremely difficult time and our unwavering commitment to helping those in need, as we have done so for 40 years, as a trusted partner, in close cooperation with the Government, UN Agencies, all international, national and local organisations, as well as the different religious and ethnic communities. Thank you.