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PRESS RELEASE

Local EU statement on the presidential election in Lebanon

The Delegation of the European Union issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Missions in Lebanon:

"The Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon expresses regrets that the parliamentary consultations failed to elect a President as the term of H.E. Michel Sleiman expired on 25 May 2014. The Delegation calls on all political representatives to ensure that a new President is elected without further delay.

The EU has repeatedly stressed the need for Lebanon to meet its constitutional deadlines in electing its highest representatives and ensure that the national institutions can continue to fulfil their mandate effectively. This is particularly important given the multiple challenges which the country is facing today, not least in terms of maintaining security, enhancing economic and social development, as well as providing adequate protection and assistance to the many refugees.

The EU Delegation reiterates the European Union's commitment to a deep and strong partnership with Lebanon, to help the country move forward in these challenging times."