



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on Lebanon

*2951st EXTERNAL RELATIONS Council meeting
Luxembourg, 15 Juin 2009*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

- "1. The Council congratulates the people of Lebanon on the successful holding of parliamentary elections, which are an important step in the democratic development of the country.
2. The Council commends all Lebanese institutions and political forces for the conduct of the electoral campaign, and the orderly and transparent voting process, as noted by the EU and other election observation missions. The significant increase in voter turn-out confirmed the Lebanese people's commitment to democracy.
3. The Council hopes that all parties will cooperate with President Sleimane, whose role is to safeguard the Constitution and Lebanon's independence, unity and territorial integrity, with a view to the timely formation of a government, in accordance with the Constitution. The Council also encourages all the parties to further engage in dialogue in the spirit of consensus and compromise which prevailed before and during the electoral campaign in order to launch a comprehensive reform programme in the interest of stability and unity of Lebanon as a whole.

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4. The European Union reiterates its full support for the Lebanese people and institutions and remains determined to reinforce Lebanon's sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, unity and stability. The Council recalls its commitment to the full implementation of UNSC Resolutions 1559, 1680, 1701 and 1757. The EU reaffirms its full support to the Special Tribunal."
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