



Joint statement by Mr George W. BUSH, President of the United States of America and Mr Jacques Chirac, President of the Republic

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We support the UN investigation into this terrorist act and urge the full cooperation of all parties in order to identify those responsible for this act. We urge full and immediate implementation of UNSCR 1559 in all its aspects, including its call for a sovereign, independent and democratic Lebanon, as well as for the consolidation of its security.

Lebanon's forthcoming Parliamentary elections can mark another milestone in Lebanon's return to independence and democracy if they are free and fair, conducted without outside interference and guaranteed by international observers.

The implementation of UNSCR 1559 is essential to the organization and success of these elections. The people of Lebanon deserve this opportunity and we stand with them in their aspirations for freedom, sovereignty and security. |