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Mr Charles Arbid
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Dear President,

Let me express my deep condolences and my solidarity with the families of the victims and with the people of Lebanon, following the devastating explosion in Beirut. I would like to wish all those who were injured a full and quick recovery.

As Pope John Paul II wrote in 1989, Lebanon is more than a country; it is a message of freedom and an example of pluralism for East and West. I am confident that the tragic events in Beirut will lead to renewed unity among all political forces in Lebanon, to leave these difficult times behind and lead the Republic of Lebanon to a bright future.

On behalf of the members of the European Economic and Social Committee and myself, I would like to offer you our full support. We stand with Lebanon and its people.

Yours sincerely,

Luca Jahier