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Mr. President,

Canada has traditionally been a strong supporter of the special procedures. We would like to thank the four Special Rapporteurs for their extensive efforts. Their report explores the breadth of human rights and humanitarian issues that surfaced during the recent conflict between the terrorist group Hezbollah and Israel.

We note that the report includes recommendations directed at all parties, including the UN human rights system. Canada looks forward to reviewing these recommendations in detail. Canada remains a firm supporter of UNSC resolutions 1559 and 1680 and reiterated in 1701 that call for the disarmament of all armed groups in Lebanon. The international community is now focussed on providing assistance for the Lebanese government to rebuild and address the conditions that have given rise to this new chapter of hostilities in the region.

On 16 August, Canada announced the creation of a \$25 million Lebanon Relief Fund, to respond effectively to relief, early recovery, stabilization and reconstruction needs in Lebanon. This is in addition to the \$5.5 million we have already distributed to UN partners and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Thank you Mr. President.