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First Consultative Group Meeting on the Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework

Beirut, March 31, 2021– The Government of Lebanon, jointly with Civil Society, the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN), co-chaired today the first meeting of the Consultative Group for the Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF) to address the needs of the poor and most vulnerable households in response to the tragic Beirut port explosion.

Building on the 3RF launched by the EU, UN and the World Bank Group in December 2020, the meeting brought together around 60 representatives of the Government of Lebanon, Civil Society Organizations, international donors and financing institutions, to assess the needs and priorities for recovery interventions needed under the 3RF implementation. The meeting also took stock of the humanitarian assistance provided to date within the context of a deepening political and economic crisis, increased poverty and worsening food security, all exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting reviewed the reform priorities included in the 3RF and reiterated the urgency of adopting and implementing key credible reforms, which are essential to build back better and put Lebanon on the path of sustained recovery.

The 3RF Consultative Group fosters a new and innovative partnership model that brings all key actors together in a participatory and inclusive manner. Civil Society representatives play a key role in the process by bringing the voice of the people to the table, putting forward suggestions to address the underlying challenges and monitoring the implementation of the 3RF.

The following is the **co-chairs' summary of the first 3RF Consultative Group meeting:**
<https://bit.ly/3wiTQPN>

The 3RF report and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on the 3RF can be found here:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1V9miBKoJQz0_51mFUDBkZE11OMLde2y0?usp=sharing

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