

Mexico, April 27, 2015

Dear Officers and Members of the World Lebanese Cultural Union,

Greetings to all,

In light of the continuous ongoing events and the numerous questions in their regards, whence I have been entrusted with piloting the ship, contents and passengers alike, while fully devoted to our international organizations' rich democratic heritage, and fully adhering to the resolutions and recommendations of the last World Council in Los Angeles, especially with respect to the dialogue regarding unifying the world body, I feel obligated to enlighten you about where this dialogue has progressed, far from media disinformation, with a clear conscience and a spirit of responsibility and transparency toward you.

The committee entrusted by the Los Angeles World Council and I have gone to the talks armed with both your faith in us, our self confidence and our deep faith in our world organization, it's glorious history both in Lebanon and abroad and our outlook for a bright and successful future.

We engaged the dialogue with resolve and enthusiasm, yet with caution and loyalty to our principles, an open mind, a loving heart that forgives, without forgetting, an honesty without the desire for revenge, a hand of fidelity open to others, to the interests of immigrants and their descendants, and to the best interest of our beloved Lebanon.

My dear colleagues, even though we share the noble spirit of enlightenment, please do not ever think that we will for one moment allow anyone to slight our institution; it's values that are the foundation of its general principles, or its members' sacrifices over the long years.

Based on that, I would like to assure you the following:

- 1- We never excluded anyone from the dialogue.
- 2- All the meetings to date were limited to the exchange of intentions between the parties.



- 3- We are continuing the dialogue with the same intensity, based on the unanimous resolution by the World Council.
- 4- We are kindly asking you all NOT to rely on any news, positive or negative originating from the media, and to only seek the news from our ever available and reliable internal sources.
- 5- When the dialogue finally leads to a Draft Document worthy of being presented for a final resolution, you will be the first to know, as it is the responsibility of the World Council to have a final say in this matter.

Dear colleagues,

The talks have been very difficult, but no longer impossible, and probably the difficult times our beloved Lebanon is enduring have played a positive role in allowing those who were previously refusing to finally realize that there is no alternative to dialogue, and maybe yet some of the wounds plaguing our nation might mend.

We are responsible to you World Council and to history! We will immediately get back to you with the results, whether positive or negative, because we are bound by our democratic heritage. We firmly believe that history will never forgive us if we don't take advantage of golden opportunities, for ignoring is the son of ignorance and daring is the culture of the brave.

For in this culture of bravery we shall continue the path of dialogue, and no doubts have or will infiltrate our hearts, because we are strong with our love for one another, our confidence in ourselves and our institution, for whoever builds on a rock will never fear a tempest!

May God bless you all, May God bless the WLCU

Best regards,

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