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Lebanon – Saudi Arabia

Do you think Saudi Arabia's decision not to deal with Lebanon and its current government because of Hezbollah's dominance on the political scene is a mistake?

France is in close contact with all the concerned parties. It urges all the regional actors and Lebanese leaders to promote calm and dialogue, in the interest of the Lebanese people and Lebanon's stability, which is crucial for the region. Lebanon's non-involvement in regional crises is of key importance. Lebanon must therefore be able to count on all of its regional partners to support it on the path of reform and ending the crisis.

JCPoA

By announcing that it will return to Vienna for nuclear negotiations on November 29, hasn't Iran succeeded in deflecting any possible reaction by you at the next IAEA board meeting with regard to any failure on its part to cooperate with the organization?

We remain extremely concerned by Iran's failure to comply with its obligations toward the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), especially the commitments it itself took with regard to the Agency on September 12. Iran must immediately resume its dialogue and cooperation with the Agency to move forward on pending issues, including obligations on guarantees and the implementation of the temporary measures agreed with the IAEA, following Iran's unilateral suspension last February of the Additional Protocol, and activities to verify Iran's implementation of the Vienna Agreement. Together with our partners, we are paying close attention to whether Iran abides by its commitments and are coordinating closely on our response to that situation. Today the Minister is meeting IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi in Glasgow and will confirm France's resolute support for his efforts.

Madagascar – COP26

Was the famine in southern Madagascar discussed by the French delegation to COP26?

The famine in Madagascar is extremely worrying. For the first time, the World Food Programme has established a direct causal link between climate change and famine. COP26 must enable us to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement in terms of mitigation, adaptation and financial assistance for developing countries embedded in national policies. France is fully committed to these three areas.

Fishing licenses

Concerning the Channel Islands: Is France negotiating directly with the autonomous authorities of those islands on the question of fishing licenses?

The issuance of fishing licenses for European vessels and their access to British waters is linked to the proper implementation of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement signed by the EU and the United Kingdom.

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