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Le Président

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Dear Father Moubarak, dear Dr Boustany,

I am writing to thank you both very much for affording me the privilege of speaking with the students and staff of La Sagesse University during my time in Beirut last week. A great deal of effort clearly went into organising and hosting my visit – in this regard, I understand that special thanks are also due to your colleague, Dr Karim Mufti. I thoroughly enjoyed delivering my presentation on "Lebanon and the Legal World Beyond" at La Sagesse, and found the follow-up questions and discussion to be most stimulating, interesting and productive.

Throughout my time in Beirut, I had the great fortune of meeting a wide array of people, including politicians, diplomats, journalists and representatives of the legal community and non-governmental organisations. I was particularly impressed by your students and teaching staff. Their intelligence, energy, openness and willingness to engage with complex legal questions are a genuine credit to your university. It became clear to me, very quickly, that with the talent I saw Lebanon's future is in good hands.

We share a common concern for the future of Lebanon and its people under the rule of law. It would be good to find means of working together to that end.

Yours sincerely,

David Baragwanath

President