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Following the informal meeting with Mr Rafic HARIRI, the Prime Minister of Lebanon, the Council reaffirmed that the EU was willing to help with the reconstruction of that country. In this context it had entrusted its competent bodies with preparing a response to the recent approach made by the United States concerning the consultative group for the reconstruction of Lebanon together with the arrangements for a conference that might be held with the same objective in mind. The Council took note of the presidency report on the recent visits that the Troika had made to Cairo , Amman and Beirut and of the very strong desire expressed by those met during this trip for a greater European role in the peace process. With a view to the forthcoming discussions to be held at the Florence European Council on the subject of the peace process in the Middle East, the Council had asked its various departments to examine the line of action to be followed by the European Union and to report back in time for its next meeting on 10 and 11 June.