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**Statement issued by  
The Lebanese Transparency Association - No Corruption  
On the One-Year Commemoration of the Beirut Port Explosion**

On the one-year commemoration of the explosion that shook the Lebanese capital on August 4th, 2020, the Lebanese Transparency Association - No Corruption / The National Branch of the International Transparency Association launched a documentary titled “Transparency Builds Beirut”. The documentary highlights the importance of transparency in ensuring an independent investigation and in rebuilding Beirut; as well as the approach adopted by the multiple stakeholders and the efforts needed to push Lebanon towards reform, particularly in terms of governance and accountability.

This documentary is part of the “Transparent Hearts” initiative launched by the association as a response to the pressing need to achieve the highest levels of transparency in order to promote public and social accountability within the relief efforts in Beirut led by non-governmental organisations and different initiatives, particularly on the Recovery - Reconstruction - Reform Framework (3RF) level. This framework relies on close cooperation between the government, the civil and international society and the private sector. It includes an emergency response plan to assist Lebanon, specifying the necessary reforms to facilitate the recovery and reconstruction processes, guided by the universal principles of transparency and accountability.

The 3RF is a new comprehensive concept reflecting the real voice of the communities that were consulted and their opinions. It includes all the mechanisms that ensure the highest levels of transparency considering its significance in rebuilding the Lebanese citizens’ trust, lost in their state’s institutions.



The documentary showcases two of the active Lebanese civil society organisations, present on the field since the day of the explosion. In addition to actors from the European Union, the World Bank, and the United Nations, who played a crucial role in the crisis response and the state of emergency post-explosion, notably in establishing the aforementioned Recovery - Reconstruction - Reform Framework (3RF) in Lebanon.

The participants in this documentary emphasise the importance of reform prior to the recovery process, followed by reconstruction in order to achieve extensive recovery, which can only be achieved through **transparency**, by equally engaging the government, international donors, and the civil society. For this purpose, an independent oversight body born out of civil society was established comprising of the “Maharat Foundation” and the “Kulluna Irada” organisation, in addition to the “Lebanese Transparency Association - No Corruption”, to ensure the full, and greater, participation of the civil society in policy-making and oversight.

To watch the documentary, please click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ii0t4KffO4c>