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UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon Jan Kubis welcomes the Cabinet's endorsement of the 2019 draft State budget and hopes that following a thorough review by the Parliament it will be adopted as quickly as possible. "The adoption of the 2019 budget creates an opportunity to take initial measures to reduce the deficit. It is also an opportunity to start introducing necessary reforms in a politically -, economically - and socially-sustainable way as a part of the broader effort towards revitalizing good governance, accountability, investment and job creation", Mr. Kubis said.

Mr. Kubis has noted pledges of constitutional and political leaders in Lebanon to continue working together for a fiscally-responsible pro-reform budget in the spirit of shared responsibility and social justice.

The Special Coordinator hopes the new budget would put in motion a series of reforms. "Such internal reforms, identified by Lebanon as necessary, are needed to help the country succeed in providing a stable, sustainable, dignified and prosperous future for its people. These reforms aiming at building a well governed, accountable, transparent and resilient State and institutions in service of its citizens are in line with Lebanon's commitment at the CEDRE conference and have the full support of Lebanon's international partners", Mr. Kubis added.

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