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A delegation from LeadersClub, by Lebanon Opportunities, presented **President Joseph Aoun** with its two flagship reports: **Relaunch and Revival**, the alternative comprehensive economic plan for Lebanon, and **Economic Reconstruction**, a proposal to address the economic promises made to Lebanon under Clause 10 of the tripartite Framework Agreement.

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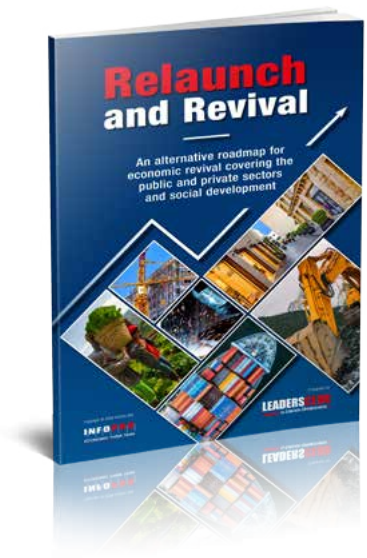
Summary





LeadersClub Delegation

LeadersClub members collectively represent a substantial share of the country's physical and human capital. The club has endorsed the recent demands of economic and business groups, including chambers of commerce, industrial and trade associations, tourism organizations, syndicates of engineers and contractors, and various business associations. The delegation pinpointed problems and came with comprehensive proposals for solutions as well as demands. LeadersClub affirmed to the President its readiness to cooperate in developing these proposals and to support the State as it addresses economic or livelihood issues.

Relaunch and Revival

This framework targets sustained macroeconomic growth, trust building, and immediate confidence-boosting measures, rather than focusing exclusively on the financial and banking sectors. The plan shows how stronger growth would generate the Treasury revenues needed to support financial restructuring at a later stage. It sets out a phased action plan in the form of a 10-point roadmap. The roadmap starts with issues that command broad consensus and cause little controversy, so that tangible results come quickly. It then moves on to the more contentious files. The plan also offers direct policy recommendations for each major economic sector. These include public sector restructuring, labor market reform, social protection, fiscal and monetary policy, and, naturally, the financial sector. The plan has been widely adopted by the Economic Bodies and has the backing of more than 200 business leaders, prominent companies, economists, and policy analysts.

Economic Reconstruction

The second proposal responds to Clause 10 of the Framework Agreement, which commits the United States to rally its international partners behind the Lebanese government. Their support would cover reconstruction, infrastructure repair, economic recovery, and the creation of opportunities for prosperity. It also anticipates substantial reconstruction and humanitarian aid, along with recovery programs and investment initiatives. The plan calls on Lebanon to prepare its own ambitious proposal that matches the scale of these promises. Countries in the region that ended a state of war, such as Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco, received comparable international and American support. The plan argues that Lebanon should use the negotiation period to prepare its proposal and present it at the right moment. It focuses on physical and economic reconstruction, stabilization, and regional integration, based on the principle that growth costs less than collapse. It is built around nine pillars: return, recovery, and reconstruction; an emergency economic stabilization plan; a deposit recovery mechanism and banking sector restructuring; a foreign trade development and market access plan; a regional economic integration package; a sovereign platform for development and investment; an agreement on refugees and human capital development; assistance for security stabilization and border control; and a governance and reform framework.





Remarks to the President

Addressing the President directly, the delegation said the initiative is fully ready to cooperate in developing these proposals and to stand by him whenever any economic or livelihood file is discussed. The delegation noted that it has never before seen from the Presidency such openness and willingness to build bridges with the private sector, and expressed confidence that this cooperation will continue and grow.

The President

President Aoun welcomed the delegation and underscored the importance of the private sector as the backbone of the national economy. He said he is convinced that Lebanon needs security and political stability rather than external aid, since both support economic growth. He reviewed the regional and international landscape and the developments likely to shape the coming phase. He stressed the importance of maintaining internal cohesion and avoiding any domestic conflict. The President stressed the need to seize the opportunities now available to Lebanon. He observed that the country is rich in its people, including thinkers, innovators, and entrepreneurs who can turn crises into opportunities.

The President listed the government's achievements across various sectors since 2025. He noted that the war may have slowed some of these efforts but has not stopped them. As one example, he pointed to Lebanon's inclusion in the network of ports linked to the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). He also acknowledged that several additional steps must be taken in the coming phase. He said the economic crisis stems from the war "imposed upon us," from the broader Iran-U.S. conflict, and from internal challenges. He said his visits to Arab countries aimed to restore Lebanon's place within the Arab fold, a goal he considers achieved, and that efforts continue to strengthen relations with sister nations in all fields. He described the measures individual ministers are taking within their portfolios to revitalize the State's administrative apparatus. He also highlighted the shift toward digitalization within General Security and various ministries and departments. He expressed optimism about launching an electronic identification (e-ID) project by the end of this year, which should ease access to government, banking, and administrative services.

The President underscored the need to enact a law addressing the 'financial gap', and said the issue must be approached without populism or personal interest. He also stressed the importance of reconstructing the South, which he identified as a core component of the Lebanese demands in the Framework Agreement. He said extending the authority of the State is not limited to placing arms solely under its control. It also means establishing security, securing the economic and social well-being of southerners, and providing alternatives, whether through reconstruction or by strengthening economic activity in their regions. He observed that the big problem lies with those who oppose the logic of the State. "We heard them attacking the army and the security forces. One cannot claim to be a proponent of sovereignty or profess a love for Lebanon while simultaneously criticizing the army and security forces, institutions that work to maintain the country's security and stability," he said.

The President urged the delegation to keep its faith and confidence in the country and to work together toward its revival, "for this is a shared responsibility that rests upon us all," he said.