THE US AND THE CEDAR REVOLUTION

The Cedar Revolution shares the same political and social values as the US, or any free world nation, in terms of promoting democracy, human rights, the knowledge society, moderation, openness, and free economy. The Cedar Revolution also shares a common enemy with the US and the free world. Terror sponsoring states, to whom terror is nothing but *diplomacy by other means*.

The Cedar Revolution, in order to prevail over its relentless and ruthless enemies, will need the continuous support of the United States of America.

1. Resisting the Syrian-Iranian prong
    a) Syria and Iran are striving to evict the US from the region, and have thus turned Lebanon into a major arena for this struggle.
    b) Syria and Iran must not impose their rule in Lebanon anymore, as this constitutes (besides the obliteration of Lebanon) a threat to the whole region.
    c) The Lebanese people live in the permanent fear of the US growing tired of supporting them, or simply abandoning them as part of a regional deal, as in 1990, when Syria was given total freedom of action in exchange for its participation in the first Gulf War.

2. Establishing rule of law and democracy in Lebanon
    a) The Government and its March 14 partners are reinforcing the rule of law, promoting democracy, implementing reforms, and are thus providing an exemplary showcase for the whole region. We intend to show the Arab world that civic societies and democracy can and will be made functional in the region.
    b) This, as an alternative to the Syrian and Iranian plans of turning the country into a paramilitary base for terror operations. (As in years bygone.)

3. The March 14 Coalition, as part of the present government, are asking for the undivided US support to their Government and the Cedar Revolution in implementing their goals.

4. The US can support the Cedar Revolution (and thus Lebanon) in the following issues:
    a) Support in the upcoming presidential election, in terms of holding said election on time, according to the constitution, and free of any foreign interference. This support should be concrete, because of the criticality of the issue. Lebanon is the only democracy in the Arab world, and represents an exclusive sample of moderation and openness in the region. For this reason, a strong support is requested to bring the election to its proper conclusion. The US should make all efforts to assist in resolving the problems in Lebanon and the region.
    b) Reaffirm the right of return of Palestinian refugees, according to international law and UN resolution, and our constitution, as well as national and international consensus.
    c) Pressure on Israel: in order to deny Hezbollah its arsenal-keeping alibis, give it face-saving measures, (for said disarmament) as well as set the stage for regional peace in an atmosphere of *détente* and trust:
        1. Withdraw from the disputed Chebaa Farms territories.
        2. Stop all air, land, and sea incursions.
        3. Exchange of Prisoners of War.
    d) Pressure on Syria and Iran for the following issues:
        1. Prevent them from stalling the presidential election through their Lebanese proxies. This in order to reach a state of chaos and political vacuum, until regional conditions are more in their favor, and western heads of states, foreign offices, have either changed or grown weary. Syria is also betting on the US withdrawing from Iraq and consequently from the region.
        2. Immediately stop sponsoring militias and terror cells.
        3. Stop from sending terror-borne cash, weapons, and terrorists.
        4. Stop their campaign of terror, coercion, and assassinations.
        5. The International Tribunal for the assassination of PM Hariri must go ahead, without delay or faltering.
        6. Recognize Lebanon as a free and independent nation and allow for drawing the borders, exchanging diplomats and implementing formal peer-to-peer relationships.
    e) Support the Lebanese Government in the implementation of control measures along the borders with Syria.

f) Individual pressures and action on their pawns in Lebanon
    1. People must understand that there is a price to pay for coalescing with terrorism, directly or otherwise.
    2. These small players are quite confident that they can oppose the US and get away with it, and their two greatest confidence-building tenets are:
        a. The US will tire and let the regional players have their way.
        b. The US may even switch its position totally, based on said regional players answering their "demands."
g) Support for Lebanese Government: besides the points above, the Lebanese Government will need the international community to stand by him, endorse him, and recognize his constitutional actions. The US can (and already has) do a great job in terms of rallying the entire world over our cause.
h) Support in pre-empting hostile actions both internally and externally: this is where the above-mentioned pressure on Syria and Iran come into play. No opposition player will dare to open hostilities unless so dictated by Syria.
i) Support for the LAF and other security forces in terms of equipment, training, logistics: we have already mentioned the heroic achievement of the LAF when confronting a world's first: organized and entrenched terror. Still, much of the sacrifices could have been avoided, and much greater efficiency can be expected in the future, if the LAF had the proper equipment and training.
j) Implementing UN resolutions and other challenges: Resolution 1701, as well as subsequent ones, especially those pertaining to the International Tribunal, which will hopefully put a halt to the "crime pays" motto of Syrian Intel.