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Finance Minister, Ali Hassan Khalil, met in his office at the Ministry a delegation from Lebanon's Economic and Social Council, including the Council's Chairman, Charles Arbid, its Vice-Chairman, Saadeddin Hamidi Saqr, and its Director-General Mohammed Saif al-Din, in addition to the Council's members Bechara Asmar, Salah Osseiran, George Nasraoui and Yousef Al-Bassam.

The delegation updated Minister Khalil on the launching of the Council's activities, the election of the heads and rapporteurs of its relevant committees, in addition to issues related to its proposed budget and the need to strengthen its administrative staffing so it could play its role to the fullest. Minister Khalil expressed his readiness to support the Council in all matters pertaining to his ministry, stressing that the Economic and Social Council needs to play role for which it was established. The Minister also highlighted the importance of the Council for public affairs, especially on the economic and social levels.

The delegation praised the support of Minister Khalil that was instrumental to the formation of the Council and the reactivation of its work.