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A meeting was held at the Ministry of Finance between Minister Khalil and the below:

HE Alexander Zasytkin, Russian Ambassador  
HE Massimo Marotti, Italian Ambassador  
HE Christina Lassen, EU Ambassador  
HE Lene Lind, Norwegian Ambassador  
HE Wang Kejian, Chinese Ambassador  
HE Emmanuelle Lamoureux, Canadian Ambassador  
HE George Birgelen, German Ambassador  
Philippe Lazzarini, Deputy UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon  
Mr Jacques de la Jugie, Representative of the French ambassador  
Mr. Edd White, Representative of the US Ambassador

Minister Khalil presented the new political phase after the formation of the government and underlined the need for consultation and coordination in relevant matters.

He also shared thoughts and ideas about the reform projects that are being prepared, starting with the adoption of the State Budget, saying the Ministry of Finance is aware of the importance for the Budget to include a series of procedures that are not solely related to CEDRE requirements, in addition to the need for structural reform in its composition. He also underlined the importance of the support of their States, within and outside the scope of CEDRE, particularly that there are several cooperation projects with the different countries.

The topic of migration and its effects were also tackled and the need to find a solution promptly was highlighted in view of its repercussions and challenges on Lebanon's internal affairs, while stressing on the importance of coordination with the Syrian State on that matter.

The importance of maintaining stability and giving momentum to the new government so it successfully achieves all the reforms was also emphasized.