On the occasion of the International Day of Peace

The Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon

has the pleasure to invite you to a University Debate

on September 19, 2014

from 10 am to noon

in the New Auditorium of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs

Jointly hosted with the American University of Beirut's Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies and Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs

"PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN A TROUBLED REGION"

With the advance of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria and the ongoing war in Syria, Lebanon’s wider neighbourhood has once again been faced with conflict and humanitarian crises. Lebanon has succeeded in standing up against the impact of turbulence impinging onto its territory. Recent events around Arsal have however revived fears that spill-over effects will continue to challenge the country's unity and social cohesion.

It is against this backdrop that this panel discussion aims to take stock of the current situation in Lebanon and the region, to discuss prospects for peace as well as concrete initiatives on the ground. Similarly it will look at how external actors can support efforts to foster stability, and where their limitations are.

Panelists:

- H.E. Angelina Eichhorst, Ambassador of the European Union to Lebanon
- Rami G. Khouri, Founding Director of the Issam Fares Institute of the AUB
- Jean-Paul Chami, Director of Peace Labz
- H.E. Homer A. Mavrommatis, Ambassador of Cyprus to Lebanon