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**STATEMENT BY PHILIP J. CROWLEY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
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On behalf of the American people, the United States extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to the loved ones of those lost aboard Ethiopian Airlines Flight 409. We have been in contact with the Lebanese and Ethiopian governments to offer assistance. Per the request of Lebanese Prime Minister Hariri, we are providing U.S. assistance in the search, rescue, and recovery efforts. The U.S. will continue to do all it can to support the people of Lebanon and Ethiopia in the face of this tragedy.

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