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Subject: Israel's destruction of water facilities financed by European taxpayers

Since October 2023 and the start of the Israeli Government's military offensive in Gaza, Palestinian civilians have faced one of the worst humanitarian crises of this century. Oxfam's latest report, *Water War Crimes*, highlights the fact that Israel's restrictions on water, fuel and sanitation supplies have resulted in a 94 % reduction in available water, far below emergency standards.

By June 2024, Israeli bombardments and restrictions had devastated Gaza's water and sanitation systems. Water production decreased by 84 %, all desalination plants were destroyed, 100 % of water warehouses and wastewater treatment plants were rendered non-functional, and over a million people now face severe water scarcity in overcrowded shelters.

Given that much of this infrastructure is directly or indirectly funded by the European Union, the Commission is urged to address the following pressing questions:

1. How is the Commission monitoring and calculating the level of EU funding lost as a result of Israel's operations in Gaza and the West Bank?

2. Will the Commission hold Israel accountable for the destruction of water facilities funded by European taxpayers?

3. In the absence of compensation or reparation, does the Commission plan to impose sanctions?

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