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Subject: Israel's demolitions in Masafer Yatta

On 5 May 2025, Israeli forces carried out the largest demolition to date in the West Bank's Masafer Yatta region, razing most of the Palestinian village of Khallet al-Daba. Dozens of residents were left homeless, as 25 structures were destroyed, including six cave dwellings, 10 water tanks, and seven wells. These demolitions are part of a systematic policy targeting Palestinian communities located in areas unilaterally designated by Israel as military training zones.

Since October 2023, escalating settler violence and the expansion of illegal Israeli outposts have intensified, resulting in the death of 968 Palestinians, over 8 500 wounded, 9 900 imprisoned, and 46 000 displaced. Just last week, the West Bank and occupied East Jerusalem experienced 373 Israeli military assaults, 57 shooting incidents by Israeli forces and 67 settler attacks.

The EU has repeatedly condemned the demolitions taking place in Masafer Yatta, including the destruction of EU-funded infrastructure, but this has had no tangible effect.

1. What actions will the Vice President / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) undertake to effectively oppose the destruction of Palestinian communities and ensure their protection?

2. Will the VP/HR propose sanctions on those responsible in line with the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion?

3. How does the VP/HR intend to uphold the two-state solution while the occupation continues in violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 (1967)?

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