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Subject: Horizon programmes involving Israeli entities active in the field of dual-use technology

In the report by the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese on the human rights situation in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, entitled ‘From economy of occupation to economy of genocide’, she denounces the existence of an international network of economic and industrial interests. These include European governments, companies, banks and academic institutions that directly or indirectly fuel the Israeli war machine used for the occupation and repression of the Palestinian population, constituting systemic complicity in serious violations of international law.

According to the Special Rapporteur’s documentation, between 2014 and 2020, the EU provided funding of over EUR 2.1 billion for projects under the Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe programmes involving Israeli entities active in the field of dual-use technology (surveillance, drones, artificial intelligence), which are often tested in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

The report was welcomed by the UN Human Rights Council, which recognised its importance in the context of the serious violations happening in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;

Given this context, the following questions arise:

1. Are the Horizon programmes still funding dual-use technology in Israel or Israeli entities active in dual-use technologies?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to take to stop this funding and ensure that European funds are not used to fuel human rights violations in Palestine and the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

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