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Subject: Obligations of the EU under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide carries serious obligations for all contracting parties – which include all EU Member States. Under Article I of the Genocide Convention, contracting parties undertake to prevent and punish the crime of genocide.

On 4 September 2025, Executive Vice-President of the Commission, Teresa Ribera, described Israel's actions in Gaza as constituting the crime of genocide. On 2 September 2025, the International Association of Genocide Scholars confirmed that Israel's actions in Gaza constituted the crime of genocide.

1. What does the Commission understand its obligations to be under the Genocide Convention?

2. Has it engaged in any legal analysis or received legal advice regarding the obligations of Member States under the Genocide Convention and what legal liability would a failure to act entail?

3. What actions has the Commission taken, or does it plan to take, to end the complicity of the EU in the genocide in Gaza?

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