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to the Commission
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Subject: Financing medical evacuation from Gaza

The Israeli Army has repeatedly destroyed EU taxpayer funded infrastructure in Gaza and in the West Bank. According to the EU's own European External Action Service yearly report for 2023, demolitions by the Israel Defense Forces in the West Bank after 7 October 2023 left 400 000 Palestinians without housing.

According to the joint EU, World Bank and UN 'Gaza Strip Interim Damage Assessment' report published in March 2024, around USD 18.5 billion in direct damage had been caused to the built infrastructure of the Gaza Strip by the end of January 2024. One year later, this bill has likely doubled in cost.

In 2017, the Commission's Legal Service proposed measures to request compensation from Israel for the destruction of EU taxpayer funded infrastructure.

The Commission President has announced the suspension of EUR 20 million in funding to Israel due to the violation of the EU-Israel Association Agreement.

At least 15 600 critically injured patients in Gaza are still awaiting medical evacuation.

In this context:

1. Does the Commission intend to reclaim EU taxpayer money for the infrastructure destroyed by Israel in Gaza?
2. How does the Commission intend to use the suspended EUR 20 million plus the reimbursement for the buildings destroyed by the Israel Defense Forces in order to speed up the evacuation of the severely wounded from Gaza?

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