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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Suitability of Francesca Albanese as the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Francesca Albanese is the current Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967¹ at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

The OHCHR website reads, ‘Throughout her mandate ... Albanese strives for impartiality and inclusiveness ... true impartiality cannot be either ignorance or indifference ... it involves objectively investigating facts through the lens of international law and recognizing and addressing ... underlying power imbalance or historical injustices. Her focus is on achieving rights and freedoms, including through justice and accountability, for all involved.’²

Recently, Ms Albanese has been behaving in a non-inclusive manner. For example, she walked out of a debate when reference was made to a Holocaust survivor, and she criticised a mayor who referred to the Israeli hostages.

In the light of the above and the fact that the Commission contributes financially to the OHCHR:

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy consider that Ms Albanese’s statements reflect the position of the European Union?
2. Could the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy approach the OHCHR to challenge the lack of impartiality and inclusiveness in Ms Albanese’s approach, which her recent behaviour has made evident?

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¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures/sr-palestine/francesca-albanese>.

² <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures/sr-palestine/francesca-albanese>.