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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: Accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza

The recently announced ceasefire agreement does not negate the fact that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Minister Yoav Gallant are subject to International Criminal Court (ICC) arrest warrants for war crimes and crimes against humanity. The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel has confirmed that the actions of Israel in Gaza constitute the crime of genocide. Article IV of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide requires that persons committing genocide or any other acts in Article III must be punished, whether they are constitutionally responsible rulers, public officials or private individuals.

Can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative confirm:

1. That it remains the EU's position that the ICC arrest warrants for Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant should be enforced by Member States at the earliest opportunity?
2. That the EU will fulfil its obligations under international law, particularly the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, and work to ensure that those responsible for the genocide in Gaza are punished for their crimes?
3. That the EU will work with the International Court of Justice and the ICC to ensure that the ceasefire agreement does not result in impunity for Israeli war criminals?

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