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Subject: Interference by Hamas in the activities of EU-funded non-governmental organisations

Internal documents seized by Israeli authorities from Hamas in Gaza reveal interference by Hamas in the activities of EU-funded non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating in the region.

These documents detail how Hamas's Interior Security Mechanism monitored and controlled NGOs through the placement of 'guarantors', often Hamas affiliates, in key positions. Specific examples include:

The International Medical Corps (IMC) closed its offices in Gaza after refusing to submit reports to Hamas, only reopening after compliance.

Oxfam received EUR 800 000 from the EU in 2021 for a water irrigation project in a security-sensitive border area, documented by Hamas as providing tactical cover for 'resistance activities' through fruit tree plantations that concealed military positions.

Cesvi, is another EU-funded NGO, with at least one member identified as 'affiliated with Hamas' in a 2022 Hamas document.

These revelations raise concerns about the risk of EU taxpayer funds indirectly supporting terrorist activities.

1. What immediate steps is the Commission taking to investigate these allegations and verify compliance by the named NGOs (IMC, Oxfam, and Cesvi) with EU funding conditions?

2. Does it intend to suspend or recover funding from any non-compliant NGOs, and if so, what criteria and timelines will apply?

3. What enhanced vetting and monitoring mechanisms will it introduce for future NGO funding in high-risk areas like Gaza, to prevent infiltration by designated terrorist groups?

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