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Subject: The case of Vincenzo Fullone and violations of human rights by Israeli authorities

According to national and international media[1], an Italian citizen, Vincenzo Fullone, who took part in the humanitarian mission Global Sumud Flotilla, has reported serious abuses suffered during his detention by the Israeli authorities. Following the interception of the vessel in international waters and the forced transfer of passengers to Israel, Fullone reported that he was subjected to invasive searches of sexual nature, including practices described as rape[2], along with threats and insults. These incidents were reported to medical staff, the Italian consular authorities and the judicial authorities upon returning to Italy.

This testimony forms part of a broader pattern involving several European citizens who participated in the same mission, including the rape reported by German citizen Anna Liedtke. Consistent accounts indicate that EU citizens, not accused of criminal offences, were allegedly detained without adequate procedural safeguards, including access to a lawyer and timely contact with consular representatives.

In the light of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union, the Commission is asked:

1. Whether it is aware of these cases?

2. What actions it has taken or intends to take against Israeli authorities?

3. Whether, in view of these allegations and documented violations linked to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, it intends to review the implementation of the EU–Israel Association Agreement, notably in relation to Article 2 on human rights?

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[1] https://www.ilgiornaleditalia.it/news/esteri/763073/flotilla-vincenzo-fullone-denuncia-israele-in-carcere-di-ketziot-mi-hanno-spogliato-e-stuprato-mi-hanno-anche-filmato-mentre-subivo.html.
[2] https://manassa.news/en/news/29523.