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to the Commission
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Subject: Urgent appeal for the release of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya

Palestinian paediatrician Dr Hussam Abu Safiya, former director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in Gaza, has been arbitrarily detained by the Israeli authorities since 27 December 2024, without charge or trial. According to his lawyer, Amnesty International[1] and the United Nations[2], he has been subjected to prolonged solitary confinement, torture, ill-treatment and deprivation of medical care. His current condition has raised serious concerns for his survival. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has called for his immediate release.

His case forms part of the broader context of the Israeli Government's grave violations of international humanitarian law. The latest report[3] of the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry documents systematic violence against children in the Gaza Strip, with more than 20 000 children deliberately killed between 7 October 2023 and 7 October 2025, corroborating concerns repeatedly raised by Dr Abu Safiya himself.

In view of the above, could the Commission clarify:

1. What initiatives it has undertaken to secure the immediate release of Dr Abu Safiya and ensure respect for his fundamental rights?

2. Whether it intends to urge the Council to implement the suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement and support an embargo on arms exports to Israel in light of the violations documented by the United Nations?

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[1] https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/release-dr-hussam-abu-safiya/.
[2] https://www.internazionale.it/ultime-notizie-reuters/2026/07/06/israel-s-detention-of-prominent-gazan-doctor-is-arbitrary-un-body-says.
[3] https://www.un.org/unispal/document/coi-report-23jun26/.