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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: Common security and defence policy mission to Lebanon

The Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) is proposing a common security and defence policy (CSDP) mission to Lebanon with the goal of training and supporting the Lebanese Armed Forces. This proposal comes as the UN Interim Force in Lebanon's (UNIFIL) mandate expires. The end of UNIFIL's mandate at the end of the year comes as Israel's violations of Lebanese sovereignty and the UN Charter continue without any real accountability. Israeli forces now occupy much of southern Lebanon and have displaced more than one-fifth of Lebanon's population.

UNIFIL's key mandate is to confirm the withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon and to help the Lebanese Government ensure the return of its effective authority in the area. The public commentary surrounding the proposed CSDP mission would suggest that a similar mandate is not envisaged for it.

1. Will the VP/HR outline the rationale for effectively ignoring the role of Israel in Lebanon's deteriorating security situation?
2. Will she outline what actions the EU has taken to prevent UNIFIL's mandate from expiring?
3. Will she propose real measures to end Israeli aggression against Lebanon, including the imposition of sanctions and a two-way arms embargo?

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