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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: Gaza – ongoing ceasefire violations and the Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 12 October 2026

Almost a year after the ceasefire came into force in Gaza, it is still far from being respected.

Israeli forces still control more than 60 % of the territory and continue to carry out strikes. At least 1 400 Palestinians have been killed since the ceasefire began. Reconstruction has still not really begun. More than 100 000 Palestinians who left Gaza during the war are reportedly still abroad, while only around 7 000 are said to have been able to return.

Security Council Resolution 2803 provides for the suspension of military operations and the gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces, and stipulates that Israel must neither occupy nor annex Gaza.

On 10 October 2026, the Palestinian parliamentary elections originally scheduled for 28 November 2026 were postponed until 11 September 2027.

In view of the above:

1. What specific measures will the VP/HR propose in response to Israel's strikes and continued military control over Gaza?
2. How will the EU ensure the voluntary and safe return of Palestinians displaced abroad and prevent their permanent displacement?
3. What measures will the EU take to enable free elections across the entire occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem and Gaza, despite the occupation and restrictions on movement?

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