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Subject: Access to baby formula in Gaza

Since the start of Israel's latest blockade of Gaza on 2 March 2025, the humanitarian crisis has worsened to unprecedented levels. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), the entire population of Gaza is facing high levels of acute food insecurity. Between mid-March and mid-July, in the most likely scenario, half of the population of the Gaza Strip (1.11 million people) is expected to face catastrophic conditions (IPC Phase 5), the most severe level in the IPC Acute Food Insecurity scale.

In recent weeks, it has become clear that the availability of baby formula is severely limited in Gaza and that babies are starving due to the lack of formula and the malnutrition of their mothers, who are unable to breastfeed. Without access to breast milk or formula, babies are starved, leaving them more vulnerable to illness and to organ failure.

Will the Commission:

1. utilise every mechanism available to force Israel to end its illegal blockade and bombardment of Gaza?

2. develop a specific mechanism to support humanitarian assistance for children and their mothers, including nutritional and child development support?

3. seek to ensure that Israel is held accountable, before the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court, for its deliberate starvation of children?

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