

**Priority question for written answer P-001681/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Medical evacuations from Gaza

The EU has urged the Member States to assist in the medical evacuation of injured and ill Palestinians from Gaza. This plea is a result of the present situation in Gaza. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 10 000 people are in urgent need of medical evacuation from Gaza¹.

As Israel stands accused of genocide before the International Court of Justice, the world must act in order to protect life.

Sweden has the capacity, knowledge and logistical capability to answer the call to action for medical evacuations from Gaza, but refuses to do so. Not only does this contribute to the suffering of those affected, it also undermines the EU in its collective emergency response to the crisis.

Given the gravity of the situation, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does the Commission believe that the medical evacuation scheme for injured and ill Palestinians would be aided by the participation of more Member States?
2. Will the Commission work actively to ensure that more Member States participate in the medical evacuation scheme?
3. What is the Commission's view on Member States not taking individual responsibility for the medical evacuation scheme?

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¹ <https://www.emro.who.int/opt/news/who-and-united-arab-emirates-evacuate-85-patients-from-gaza.html>.