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Subject: Continued EU political and financial support to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

UNRWA is facing an unprecedented financial crisis, even though it continues to play a crucial and irreplaceable role in responding to humanitarian and development needs in Gaza, the West Bank and the wider region.

As the EU has become UNRWA's largest donor, its sustained political and financial support is essential to preserve the agency's capacity to provide education, primary healthcare and humanitarian assistance to millions of Palestine refugees.

In the light of the Commission's recent assessment confirming UNRWA's operational capacity[1], and its commitment to implementing the Colonna recommendations and providing the funding planned for 2026 under the 2025–2027 multiannual programme for Palestinian recovery and resilience[2]:

1. Can the Commission confirm that the EUR 82 million committed for 2026 will be fully and promptly disbursed to prevent essential services from further deteriorating?

2. Can the Commission confirm that, in full respect of Parliament's position[3] and the outcome on the 2026 EU Budget, additional funding will be made available to the agency, taking into account the EUR 35 million increase reinforcing the relevant budget line for Syria, Gaza and UNRWA?

3. What concrete steps will the Commission take to safeguard UNRWA's operational space, particularly in Gaza and the West Bank, ensuring continued delivery of humanitarian and human development services?

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1 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-003223-ASW_EN.html.
2 https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1055.
3 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2025-0244_EN.html.
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