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Question for written answer E-000449/25
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Denouncing Trump's unacceptable proposal for mass expulsion of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip

US President Donald Trump made an unacceptable statement about the Palestinians of Gaza, claiming that he would prefer that certain Arab countries get involved and build housing in a different area where they can perhaps live peacefully. He bluntly confessed to the plan of the occupying state of Israel and the USA — after the genocide — to displace the Palestinians from their land permanently. He even proposed the expulsion of Palestinians to Jordan and Egypt, which would mean the final displacement and occupation-colonisation of the Palestinian territories by Israel.

Despite thousands of murders and Israel's criminal policy marked by the genocide of the Palestinians, the EU and governments, including the New Democracy government in Greece, still today maintain commercial, military and political relations with Israel, and the EU-Israel Association Agreement remains in force.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy answer the following:

1. What is her position on Trump's unacceptable proposal to displace Palestinians from the territories and transfer them to other countries so that Israel can continue its occupation of Palestinian territories, which is part of Israel's broader plan for the genocide and displacement of Palestinians?
2. What is her position on the request to cease here and now the EU-Israel Association Agreement and all economic, military and political cooperation with the occupying state of Israel that contributes to the suffering experienced by the people of Palestine?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has a longstanding commitment to a just and comprehensive resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, based on the two-state solution, with the State of Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous, sovereign and viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security and mutual recognition, and with Jerusalem serving as the future capital of both states.

The Palestinian people have suffered greatly and both Israelis and Palestinians deserve peace. The ceasefire in Gaza is a positive development, but there is a need for the next steps to be taken to bring a permanent end to hostilities, stability and peace to the region.

The EU will continue to support the Palestinian Authority in its reforms with the aim to its return to Gaza. The international community must work with the Palestinians to rebuild Gaza, any discussion on the recovery and reconstruction of Gaza should involve the Palestinians, with the Palestinian Authority as its legitimate authority, and in this framework, the EU welcomes a proactive role from the United States in this reconstruction process.

In accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 2735 (2024), the EU rejects any attempt at demographic or territorial changes in the Gaza Strip and stresses the importance of unifying the Gaza Strip with the West Bank under the Palestinian Authority.

The Association Agreement with Israel is the legal basis of the ongoing dialogue with the Israeli authorities and it provides important mechanisms to discuss issues and advance EU's point of view.

The EU is not considering suspending the EU-Israel Association Agreement. Suspension of the entire agreement would require unanimity of all 27 Member States.
