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Subject: Trump declarations on Gaza and the Palestinian people

On 4 February 2025, US President Donald Trump declared that the United States would take over Gaza and own it, to realise the ‘Riviera of the Middle East’. This statement is shocking even by the standards of his presidency: through his words, Trump endorsed the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians.

Trump wants to deport almost two million people who are traumatised by more than one year of war and who are still suffering because they are deprived of food, water and other objects necessary for survival. Moreover, he does not say where they should go.

Considering that any forcible deportation of people from occupied territory breaches international law:

1. Will the VP/HR stand firmly against this plan presented by the President of the United States?
2. Will the VP/HR reaffirm the need to achieve the two-state solution?
3. What does the Commission intend to do to support the Palestinian people?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission

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In accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2735 (2024) ⁽¹⁾, the EU rejects any attempt at demographic or territorial changes in the Gaza Strip and supports unifying the Gaza Strip with the West Bank under the Palestinian Authority (PA), as the EU made clear on the occasion of the 13th EU-Israel Association Council held on 24 February 2025 ⁽²⁾.

This is also in line with the five key principles set by the President of the Commission in November 2023 on Gaza (Gaza to be an essential part of the future Palestinian State, and no forced displacement of Palestinians) ⁽³⁾.

The EU has been constantly clear in affirming its unwavering commitment to the two-state solution; this is the only solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. The High Representative/Vice-President will continue to spare no effort to revive the political process towards the two-state solution.

The EU is the biggest provider of external assistance to the Palestinians. The PA is the EU’s key partner and the EU will continue to provide support to encourage further reforms, also in view of the PA’s return to Gaza.

To address the dire economic situation in the West Bank and avoid further destabilisation, the Commission announced on 19 July 2024 a two-step approach of short-term emergency financial support and a multi-year programme of support ⁽⁴⁾.

The EU disbursed almost EUR 400 million in emergency financial assistance between July and November 2024, following the completion of a number of prior reform actions agreed with the PA.

⁽¹⁾ [https://docs.un.org/en/s/RES/2735\(2024\)](https://docs.un.org/en/s/RES/2735(2024))

⁽²⁾ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-6511-2025-INIT/en/pdf>

⁽³⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_23_5646

⁽⁴⁾ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/european-commission-and-palestinian-authority-agree-emergency-financial-support-and-principles-2024-07-19_en

The EU is now working on a multi-year comprehensive programme for Palestinian recovery and resilience, which will be based on a mutually agreed ambitious reform agenda of the PA.
