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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU strongly condemns the further escalation in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, following increased settler violence, the expansion of illegal settlements, Israeli military operations and increased terrorist attacks against Israel. The EU strongly opposes all actions that undermine the viability of the two-state solution. During her visit to Israel on 24 March 2025, the High Representative/Vice-President raised with Israeli authorities the EU's concerns regarding the situation in the West Bank¹. The EU will continue to closely monitor developments on the ground and their broader implications and will consider further action in order to protect the viability of the two-state solution, which is constantly eroded by new facts on the ground, including through settlement expansion². The EU has also adopted sanctions against extremist settlers³.

The EU will not recognise changes to the 1967 lines, unless agreed by the parties. The EU recalls that annexation is illegal under international law.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/israel-remarks-high-representativevice-president-kaja-kallas-joint-press-conference-minister-foreign_en

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

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/07/15/extremist-israeli-settlers-in-the-occupied-west-bank-and-east-jerusalem-as-well-as-violent-activists-blocking-humanitarian-aid-to-gaza-five-individuals-and-three-entities-sanctioned-under-the-eu-global-human-rights-sanctions-regime/>