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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), 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, as the EU recalled in its position in view of the 13th EU-Israel Association Council held on 24 February 2025¹.

Following the exchange at the Foreign Affairs Council on 20 May 2025, with the support of the majority of Member States, the High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP) announced the review of Israel's compliance with Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement in view of the untenable humanitarian situation in Gaza². The review was presented at the Foreign Affairs Council on 23 June 2025³. The Foreign Ministers agreed that the EU's aim is improving the humanitarian situation on the ground and decided to revert to the discussion at the Foreign Affairs Council on 15 July 2025 if the situation does not improve. On 15 July 2025, as requested by the European Council, the HR/VP presented an inventory of possible follow-up measures for the review of Israel's compliance with Article 2 of the Association Agreement.

Discussions are ongoing in the relevant Council working parties regarding the adoption of additional measures against violent settlers, as well as against Hamas/Palestine Islamic Jihad supporters.

The recognition of states is the competence of the Member States. The EU will continue to work with international partners towards reviving a political process in view of a two-state solution, including through the Global Alliance for the implementation of the two-state solution. The EU reiterated that a credible pathway to Palestinian statehood is a crucial component of that political process⁴.

¹ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-6511-2025-INIT/en/pdf>.

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/fac/2025/05/20/>.

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/fac/2025/06/23/>.

⁴ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/qa31blga/euco-conclusions-27062024-en.pdf>.