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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The High Representative/Vice-President has been clear that the humanitarian situation in Gaza is unbearable. Following the Integrated Phased Food Security Classification report of 22 August 2025 confirming famine in the Gaza Governorate, where Gaza City is located, the EU has reiterated its call to Israel to grant access to aid immediately. The EU has also consistently urged all parties to respect international humanitarian law and to protect health facilities and health workers and has condemned the repeated attacks on health facilities in Gaza¹.

Following the review of Israel's obligations under Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement², the EU engaged in dialogue with Israel with the objective to improve the humanitarian situation on the ground. Despite some positive developments in implementing the humanitarian understanding, the situation remains catastrophic. In light of this catastrophic situation in Gaza, on 10 September 2025, the President of the Commission announced during the State of the Union address a set of proposed measures, which were adopted by the College and presented to the Council³.

The EU is also coordinating closely with Health Cluster⁴ and is engaged with key partners, including the United Nations, the World Health Organization and regional actors, to advocate for predictable, secure and humanitarian channels for the movement of patients.

The EU appeals for the urgent restoration of a medical corridor to the East Jerusalem Hospitals Network to ensure timely healthcare and continuity of care. Through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, the EU is providing support to medically evacuate paediatric patients from Gaza to the EU. By 3 September 2025, 24 medical evacuations have been conducted, evacuating a total of 294 patients and 693 companions.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/israelgaza-statement-spokesman_en?channel=eeas_press_alerts&date=2025-08-26&newsid=0&langid=en&source=mail.

² https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/asso_agree_en.pdf.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/state-union/state-union-2025_en.

⁴ <https://healthcluster.who.int/>.