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In its conclusions of 23 October 2025, the European Council welcomed the agreement reached on the first phase of the Comprehensive Plan to end the Gaza Conflict. To alleviate the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, the European Council called for immediate, unimpeded access and sustained distribution of humanitarian aid at scale into and throughout Gaza and for the UN and its agencies, and humanitarian organisations, to be able to work independently and impartially. The European Union will continue to contribute to peace efforts and to actively engage with partners on the next steps. It will support the rapid, safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid in coordination with international partners, including via the Cyprus Maritime Corridor to supplement land routes.

With regard to restrictive measures, to date, under the thematic EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime (EUGHRSR) adopted by the Council in December 2020, the EU has introduced measures targeting individuals, entities, and bodies, including both state and non-state actors responsible for, involved in or associated with serious human rights violations and abuses worldwide. In July 2024, Tsav 9, an Israeli organisation, was listed for having regularly blocked supply trucks delivering humanitarian aid, including food, water and fuel, to Gaza. Restrictive measures include travel bans for individuals, asset freezes for individuals and entities and a prohibition on making funds or economic resources available to those listed.