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**Question for written answer E-003435/25
to the Commission
Loucas Fourlas (PPE)
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Subject: Humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and the need to respect international law

The situation in Gaza is deteriorating dramatically, with thousands of deaths, displacement and the destruction of essential infrastructure. The European Union, as a defender of international humanitarian law, must have a clear and consistent voice in favour of the protection of civilians, unhindered access to humanitarian aid and a political solution.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's position on the ongoing operations and the humanitarian situation in Gaza?
2. What measures is the Commission considering to strengthen the provision of aid, respect for international law and the resumption of a meaningful peace process?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(13 November 2025)**

The EU welcomes the ceasefire in Gaza as a crucial first step towards alleviating the suffering of the people. Although EU humanitarian partners are scaling up their assistance and reopening essential services, the humanitarian situation in Gaza continues to be dire and of a deep concern for the EU.

Under International Humanitarian Law (IHL), civilians must have unimpeded access to aid and the basic services essential for their survival.

While some aid is entering in Gaza, more needs to get in. The Commission has consistently called on Israel to allow unimpeded access and sustained distribution of humanitarian assistance into and throughout Gaza, and to fully comply with its obligations under international law, including IHL ⁽¹⁾.

The Commission will continue to provide humanitarian aid, prioritising life-saving assistance, protection, and access to essential services. EU humanitarian aid is delivered according to the humanitarian principles of humanity, independence, impartiality and neutrality.

On 24 September 2025, the Commission announced an additional EUR 50 million in emergency humanitarian aid to support partners on the ground to deliver life-saving assistance both in Gaza and the West Bank ⁽²⁾. This brings the 2025 humanitarian allocation to Palestine ^(*) to nearly EUR 220 million, and to over EUR 550 million since 2023.

While humanitarian aid addresses the immediate needs, the EU is also engaged diplomatically for a sustained ceasefire, to promote de-escalation, adherence to international law, and a long-term solution to the conflict. Humanitarian work goes hand-in-hand with the EU's broader efforts for peace and stability in the region.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-position-situation-middle-east>.

⁽²⁾ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-provides-additional-eu50-million-emergency-humanitarian-aid-palestine-2025-09-24_en.

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