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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is concerned by the growing number and intensity of antisemitic incidents and anti-Israeli actions in the EU. Antisemitism is a threat to democracy and the Commission is determined to fight it in all its forms and manifestations, in line with its EU antisemitism strategy¹.

Ensuring the security of EU citizens as well as of tourists is essential for the Commission and all Member States. Violent attacks, intimidation and security threats on individuals have no place in the EU.

The 2008 Framework Decision on combating racism and xenophobia² requires Member States to criminalise public incitement to violence or hatred based on ethnic origin or religion. The Commission monitors its correct transposition. However, it is for national authorities to ensure an effective investigation and prosecution of individual hate offences, including when motivated by antisemitism.

The Commission has been supporting cooperation between national authorities and experts to improve knowledge and exchange practices on fighting antisemitism³.

The European Internal Security Strategy-ProtectEU⁴ places the 'protection of people, especially those most vulnerable to attacks ... including Jewish and Muslim communities, ... at the heart of the EU's work on security'. The Internal Security Fund⁵ supports the protection of Jewish places of worship. The new EU Agenda for Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism will include actions to tackle antisemitism and protect places of worship.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/combating-discrimination/racism-and-xenophobia/combating-antisemitism/eu-strategy-combating-antisemitism-and-fostering-jewish-life-2021-2030_en.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_framw/2008/913/oj/eng.

³ An example is the successful collaboration preventing and countering violent extremism including antisemitism involving 14 Member States and the EU Knowledge Hub on Prevention of Radicalisation.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0148>.

⁵ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/isf/wp-call/2023-2025/call-fiche_isf-2024-tf2-ag-protect_en.pdf.