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Question for written answer E-003641/25
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: EU response to threats against the Gaza humanitarian flotilla

1. What diplomatic and legal measures does the EU intend to adopt against a non-EU country that, from an EU Member State or with EU logistical support, carries out attacks against civilians and violates the sovereignty of the Member States and non-EU countries?
2. What immediate actions does the EU plan to take to protect EU citizens participating in humanitarian missions to Gaza, given the explicit threats made by Israeli Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU respects the intention of those on board the flotilla ships to draw attention to the humanitarian plight of the population of Gaza. In the EU everyone has the right to exercise such activism and freedom of assembly.

This is a core pillar of EU's values. The freedom of navigation under international law must also be upheld. Attacks against such flotillas are not acceptable. The authorities responsible for ensuring consular protection are the states to which the citizens belong.

The EU discourages flotillas as a means of aid delivery, as it risks the safety of the participants, and the action is in itself inefficient. The EU's focus will always be on delivering aid through proven and effective structures, with EU's partner organisations on the ground.

The EU urges the parties and the international community to make all efforts to finally bring this terrible conflict to an end now, through an immediate and permanent ceasefire that enables the provision of immediate and unimpeded humanitarian assistance at scale to address the needs of the population.

Israel must fully comply with its obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law. The EU will continue to insist on this with its Israeli counterparts.
