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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU fully respects and supports the role of international courts and UN mechanisms, including the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court (ICC). The EU cannot comment on proceedings that are ongoing. The EU does not itself make legal determinations on the commission of international crimes; such qualifications require judicial findings following due process.

The EU remains dedicated to upholding its international obligations and takes note of the provisional orders of the International Court of Justice in the South Africa versus Israel case. The EU has repeatedly called on Israel to fully comply with its obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law, in all circumstances.

The EU considers ICC of key importance in upholding international criminal justice and the fight against impunity. The EU supports the ICC and the principles set out in the Rome Statute and respects the Court's independence and impartiality. The European Council has called upon all Member States to ensure full cooperation with the Court, including by the prompt execution of outstanding arrest warrants.