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The EU is a firm supporter of the multilateral rules-based international order with the UN at its core, including the UN human rights system and the independence of the UN Human Rights Council (UN HRC) special procedures' mandate holders. The EU cooperates with HRC mechanisms and fully respects their mandates and urges all states to do so, including the mandate of UN Special Rapporteurs (UNSR) on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967.

UNSRs have an essential role in the fight against impunity and in ensuring accountability for serious human rights violations. All UN special procedures mandate-holders must abide by the Code of conduct adopted by the UNHRC. The EU has repeatedly called for an end to attacks and threats against mandate-holders appointed by the Council.

The EU will continue to support efforts towards independent investigations into violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law, including those that may amount to international crimes.

With regard to the situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory, the EU position has been reiterated on several occasion at different levels and through various statements, including during the 60th session of the Human Rights Council¹.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-geneva/eu-statement-hrc60-item-4-general-debate-human-rights-situations-require-council%E2%80%99s-attention_en.