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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU is aware of these gas explorations concessions and reiterates its strategic interest in a stable and secure environment in the Eastern Mediterranean. Regional cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean must be developed in accordance with international law, including the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The EU reaffirms its unwavering commitment to effective multilateralism and to the rules-based international order with the UN at its core, steadfastly upholding the UN Charter and its rules and principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and self-determination.

Israel is bound by international humanitarian law (IHL) and applicable norms of international human rights law (IHRL). The EU consistently calls on Israel to adhere strictly to the rules and principles of IHL and IHRL governing the use of force and the conduct of hostilities, including humanity, necessity, distinction and proportionality. The EU calls on Israel to ensure the impartial and effective investigation of alleged misconduct by the appropriate authorities in accordance with IHL.

In parallel, the Commission has proposed a package of measures, following the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Gaza. These measures are still on the table of the Council, and the EU continues to maintain an open and frank dialogue with the Israeli government. The EU stands ready to safeguard international law and international principles and is firmly committed to a lasting and sustainable peace based on the two-state solution.