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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU urges all parties to implement the ceasefire agreement of 27 November 2024 between Israel and Lebanon and calls for the full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701. The EU recalls that the safety and security of UN personnel and premises must be ensured in accordance with international law and UN Security Council Resolution 1701. Focus by all parties must be on preserving the ceasefire and the progress achieved so far.

The EU commends the Lebanese government's decision to assert full state control over all arms and restore the presence of the Lebanese Armed Forces on the whole territory. The planned withdrawal of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon¹ starting end of 2026 makes it all the more urgent to strengthen national institutions and the Lebanese armed forces deployment.

In its relations with Israel, the EU considers that political engagement and frank and open dialogue are the most effective ways to convey EU concerns. The Association Agreement with Israel² is the legal basis of the EU's ongoing dialogue with the Israeli authorities and it provides mechanisms to discuss issues and advance EU's point of view. Following the review of Israel's obligations under Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement, the EU engaged in dialogue with Israel with the objective to improve the humanitarian situation on the ground. Considering the continued catastrophic situation in Gaza, in September 2025, the President of the Commission proposed a package of measures during the State of the Union address³. The EU will continue to reaffirm its commitment to the applicability of international human rights and humanitarian law in the occupied Palestinian territory.

¹ <https://unifil.unmissions.org/en>.

² https://eeas.europa.eu/archives/delegations/israel/documents/eu_israel/asso_agree_en.pdf.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/state-union/state-union-2025_en.