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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
(12.6.2026)

1. The Commission has expressed its deep concern on the humanitarian situation in Gaza and has made repeated calls for the defence of peace and for the respect of international law and human rights. This was reiterated by the High Representative/Vice-President and other Members of the Commission on several occasions.

The remarks to which the Honourable Member refers were expressed by Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, as she underscored, in her personal capacity.

The Members of the Commission have the right to express their personal opinions, provided they comply with the obligations enshrined in the Treaties and in the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission.

2-3. The statements made by Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition in her personal capacity on the situation in Gaza do not constitute a breach of the ethical obligations to which the Members of the Commission are subjected.