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Question for written answer E-004880/25
to the Council
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Subject: State of play regarding the partial suspension of the Association Agreement with Israel

Despite the entry into force of the ceasefire in the Gaza Strip on 10 October 2025, various media outlets have reported systematic breaches by Israel resulting in more than 350 deaths. According to the EU Foreign Affairs Spokesperson, there are serious concerns about the respect of the peace agreement.

While the Commission has already proposed the partial suspension of the Association Agreement with Israel — as a reaction to the actions of the Government of Israel that are widely seen as genocide — this measure has not yet been endorsed by the Council of the European Union. Meanwhile, there are still reports of European companies still doing business with the Israeli arms industry, including in Member States with explicit suspensions of trade with Israel, highlighting the need for a joint EU response to make this cessation of collaboration effective.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Council plan to take steps to expedite the consideration of and decision on the partial suspension of the Association Agreement with Israel?
2. What actions does it envisage to ensure that European companies do not contribute directly or indirectly to the production or supply of military equipment to Israel?

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Reply
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In its conclusions of 18 December 2025 ⁽¹⁾, the European Council welcomed the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2803 on the establishment of the Board of Peace and of a temporary International Stabilisation Force, as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict.

In this context, the European Council reaffirmed the EU's strong commitment to international law and to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on the two-state solution in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

As regards the Commission proposals related to the EU-Israel Association Agreement, the Council recalls its reply to Written Question E-002313/2025, and that the Foreign Affairs Council has addressed the matter in the context of its discussions on the situation in the Middle East.

As regards the production or supply of military equipment to Israel, the Council recalls its reply to Written Question P-003630/2023. The Council wishes to add that the competent working party continues to conduct exchanges of views on the application of the criteria set out in Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP, including on the impact of the situation in Gaza on the arms-exports policies of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/12/18/european-council-conclusions-on-the-middle-east-european-defence-and-security-next-mff-enlargement-and-reforms-migration-and-other-items/>.