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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU welcomed the Comprehensive Plan to end the Gaza conflict put forward by President Trump that achieved the ceasefire and the release of hostages. The adoption of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2803 is an important step that consolidates the ceasefire, enables humanitarian access at scale, and opens the way for early recovery, reconstruction, and institutional reform in Gaza. The EU calls on all parties to engage constructively and fully implement the Plan and the Resolution and refrain from any actions that jeopardise the sustainability of the ceasefire.

On 10 September 2025, the President of the Commission¹ announced a set of measures for the EU to address the catastrophic situation in Gaza. These include a proposal for reinforced package of sanctions and a partial suspension of the Association Agreement on certain trade-related matters as well a decision to put on hold bilateral financial support to Israel, without adversely affecting work with civil society or Yad Vashem. Earlier the Commission also put forward a proposal to partially suspend Israeli participation in Horizon Europe Research programme, namely in the European Innovation Council Accelerator. The proposed measures have remained on the table for discussion in the Council.

Military cooperation with third countries is a matter for Member States' national authorities. The competent authorities of Member States take the final decision whether to authorise or deny an individual export or transit licence of military equipment. The Council works towards increased convergence between Member States' arms export policies. Specifically, the impact of the conflict in Gaza on national arms exports policies of Member States is continuously on the agenda.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/state-union/state-union-2025_en.