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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU continues to be worried about the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza and remains the largest provider of humanitarian aid in the Strip (over EUR 674 million since 2023). The EU has repeatedly called on Israel to allow immediate, unimpeded access and sustained distribution of humanitarian assistance at scale into and throughout Gaza; to enable the UN and its agencies, and humanitarian organisations, to work independently and impartially to save lives and reduce suffering; to reopen Gaza border crossings and to fully comply with its obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law. This call was recently reiterated at the highest level in the European Council conclusions of 19 March 2026¹.

The EU continues to call on Israel to reverse its decision regarding the new international non-governmental organisation (INGO) registration framework, echoing the joint statement issued by the High Representative/Vice-President, the Commissioner for the Mediterranean and the Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management in January 2026². The EU continues to raise this issue at all levels with Israeli counterparts and supports the operations of the INGOs affected. It will continue to follow the developments regarding the INGO registration framework, including the latest decision of the Israeli Supreme Court following the petition of the Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA) and its partners.

The EU is committed to continuing its political and financial support to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)³.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/lwhk3itd/en-20260319-european-council-conclusions.pdf>.

² https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/joint-statement-high-representative-kallas-and-commissioners-lahbib-and-suica-registration-2026-01-06_en.

³ https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/statement-commissioner-lahbib-demolition-unrwa-compound-east-jerusalem-2026-01-21_en.