

In its conclusions of 19 December 2024, the European Council expressed its deep concern over the consequences of the Israeli legislation adopted on 28 October 2024 on UNRWA's capacity to operate its mandate and stressed the essential role of UNRWA, which provides crucial support to the civilian population in both Gaza and the wider region. Furthermore, it reiterated its call for the urgent improvement of access and sustained distribution of humanitarian assistance at scale throughout Gaza¹. Moreover, in its conclusions of 18 December 2025, the European Council stressed the need for the UN and its agencies to be able to work independently and impartially and called on Israel not to implement the NGO registration law in its current form².

As regards the EU-Israel Association Agreement, the Council recalls its replies to written questions E-002313/2025 and E-004880/2025.

In its conclusions of 23 October 2025, the European Council deplored the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza and called on Israel to allow immediate, unimpeded access and sustained distribution of humanitarian assistance at scale into and throughout Gaza and to enable the UN and its agencies, and humanitarian organisations, to work independently and impartially to save lives and reduce suffering. Israel must fully comply with its obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law³. The European Union will support the rapid, safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid in coordination with international partners, including via the Cyprus Maritime Corridor to supplement land routes⁴.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/jhlenhaj/euco-conclusions-19122024-en.pdf>.

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/wqmknoh4/en-20251218-european-council-conclusions.pdf>.

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/d2nhnqso/20251023-european-council-conclusions-en.pdf>.

⁴ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/d2nhnqso/20251023-european-council-conclusions-en.pdf>.