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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU reiterates its strong opposition to Israel's settlement policy and actions taken in this context, including demolitions, forced displacement and settler violence. Widespread demolitions of Palestinian homes and structures by the Israeli authorities coupled with a rapid expansion of settlements in the occupied West Bank through the advancement of a record number of housing units in the settlements during 2025 and into 2026 are seriously undermining the viability of the two-state solution.

As noted in the EU's position for the 13th EU-Israel Association Council, the EU strongly condemns the demolitions of structures funded by the EU or its Member States and expects that Israel makes good the damage in accordance with international law¹.

Israel has been requested to return or compensate for EU-funded assets on every occasion that it demolished, dismantled or confiscated such assets, including via 12 joint letters addressed to Israeli authorities since 2020 and co-signed by representatives of EU institutions, concerned Member States and other donors. Through these letters, the EU has requested compensation amounting to EUR 1 790 064 for demolished or confiscated property, covering losses recorded between 2015 and 2025. In addition, the EU has reported further losses of EUR 242 335 related to settler violence (2023-2025) and EUR 1 071 113 related to forced abandonment (2024-2025).

While the EU continues to use a variety of diplomatic and political channels to enhance its stance and the effectiveness of the overall EU support, Israel has not paid financial compensations for the EU-funded assets it has demolished, dismantled or confiscated.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-ministerial-meetings/2025/02/24/>.