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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has been deeply concerned about the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza. The EU has called on the Israeli authorities, including on humanitarian access, dual-use policy and international non-governmental registration, to address the enormous needs of the population. The EU is totally opposed to forced displacement of the Palestinian population or to geographical or demographic changes in Gaza. The EU strongly condemns the ongoing extremist settler violence in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and recalls that Israel has the duty to protect civilians and hold perpetrators accountable.

The EU is not a member of the Board of Peace and its participation as an observer at the inaugural meeting of the Board of Peace in Washington, District of Columbia, focused on Gaza's reconstruction, is to be seen as part of the EU's commitment to the implementation of the ceasefire in Gaza and international efforts for recovery and reconstruction. The EU welcomed the adoption of UN Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2803 and stands ready to work together with the US on the implementation of the comprehensive Peace Plan for Gaza. The EU has an important role to play in this context, being the biggest provider of external assistance to the Palestinians, including EUR 124 million in humanitarian aid confirmed for 2026¹.

The EU is committed to lasting and sustainable peace in accordance with the relevant UNSC resolutions, on the basis of the two-state solution, with the State of Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous, sovereign and viable State of Palestine living side-by-side in peace, security and mutual recognition, and Jerusalem serving as the future capital of both states. The EU supports the diplomatic efforts anchored in international law.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/mex_26_612.