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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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Developments in Iran and the wider region threaten regional and global security. The EU welcomes the ceasefire agreed upon by the US and Iran and will contribute to all diplomatic efforts to pursue a comprehensive strategy for lasting peace across the region.

The EU remains committed to safeguarding freedom of navigation, in line with international law, as reflected in United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and the security of global maritime trade routes, including through Operation EUNAVFOR ASPIDES¹.

Responding to the rising and volatile energy prices and energy security concerns, the Commission published a Communication AccelerateEU² that lays out a series of measures in support of governments and EU consumers. The EU is also implementing policies to boost the domestic production of critical raw materials (such as the Critical Raw Materials Act³ and the RESourceEU Action Plan⁴), and to diversify its supply with trusted partners, notably via the 16 partnerships it has signed on critical raw materials.

The EU has not observed any increase in migratory movements towards the EU as a result of the Middle East crisis. However, the EU is closely monitoring the situation, including of migrant workers and of Afghan migrants and refugees in the region, and it is in continuous contact with Member States, partner countries and all relevant stakeholders. The Commission is encouraging Member States to prioritise preparedness and contingency planning, in line with the Pact on Migration and Asylum⁵.

The EU Foreign Affairs Ministers have agreed that the Iran sanctions framework will be broadened to also be able to target those responsible for a possible prolonged closure of the Strait of Hormuz⁶.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eunavfor-aspides_en?s=410381.

² COM(2026) 370 final: https://energy.ec.europa.eu/document/download/7fac9eea-5717-4182-a368-bd68c427ff4c_en?filename=Communication.pdf.

³ Regulation (EU) 2024/1252 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1252/oj>.

⁴ COM(2025) 945 final: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0945>.

⁵ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en.

⁶ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/fac/2026/05/11/>.