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**Question for written answer E-001240/26
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission's participation in US Board of Peace meeting on Gaza

On 18 February 2026, the European Commission published an official notice stating that the Commissioner for the Mediterranean, Dubravka Šuica, would travel to Washington DC to participate, on behalf of the Commission, in the meeting on Gaza held by the so-called Board of Peace, in the context of discussions on a ceasefire and post-war recovery and reconstruction.

In the light of the above:

1. Can the Commission clarify on what legal basis and with what mandate Commissioner Šuica is participating in this meeting, on whose behalf she is doing so, and what the exact purpose and status of her participation are?
2. What prior coordination took place within the Commission with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, with the Council and with the Member States, and what instructions or red lines were defined?
3. How is the Commission ensuring that this participation does not circumvent or weaken the multilateral framework, including that of the United Nations, and that it is fully compatible with the EU's positions and obligations, including its commitment to the two-state solution for Israel and Palestine, and will it inform Parliament about the conversations engaged in and the outcomes of her visit?

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Answer given by Ms Šuica on behalf of the European Commission
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The invitation to participate in the meeting was addressed to the President of the Commission by the chair of the Board of Peace. The Commissioner for the Mediterranean participated on behalf of the Commission in the meeting.

It is within the remit of the Commission to accept invitations of this kind as a matter of international courtesy. The Commissioner's participation as an observer was to help ensure coordination and complementarity between the EU and broader international efforts. It is of paramount importance to be at the table and engage with all relevant regional and international actors.

The objective of the Commission's participation was to foster coordination and complementarity between the EU and broader international efforts in relation to Gaza, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2803 ⁽¹⁾.

As the EU plays a significant role as a key provider of external assistance to the Palestinian people and is a major donor for humanitarian assistance in Gaza, it is important to engage with all actors that aim to provide aid in Gaza.

As reiterated on several occasions ⁽²⁾, the EU is not a member of the Board of Peace and has raised a number of questions about some elements of the charter of the Board of Peace, its scope, its governance, and its compatibility with the UN Charter.

The EU remains a strong advocate for a two-state solution, and the participation of the Commissioner was an important opportunity to underline our commitment to efforts for a peaceful and safe future for Gaza and the Palestinians.

Following her mission to the US, the Commissioner participated in a structured dialogue with the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs on 25 February 2026, to debrief about her meetings in Washington.

⁽¹⁾ <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4093207?v=pdf>.

⁽²⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2026/01/23/oral-conclusions-drawn-by-president-antonio-costa-following-the-informal-meeting-of-the-members-of-the-european-council-of-22-january-2026/>.