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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The US is a strategic partner of the EU. The transatlantic partnership is founded on a shared history and strong bonds. The EU will continue to work to maintain close engagement with the US as it is beneficial to EU citizens, as well as global stability and security. The EU is ready to continue engaging constructively on all issues of common interest while still defending its priorities, interests and values, including the defence of international law and the rules-based order.

The EU has consistently underlined that Israel has the right to defend itself, but in line with international law, including international humanitarian law. Disproportionate use of force against civilians and civilian infrastructure is unacceptable.

The AccelerateEU Communication adopted on 22 April 2026¹ follows a two-pronged approach to bring immediate relief to vulnerable households and industries, while advancing measures to end structural dependence on imported fossil fuels, in line with our long-term objectives. To help Member States protect consumers from price shocks, the Commission will assist in the design of immediate but targeted, temporary measures including price intervention, income support schemes and tax incentives. This will avoid market distortions while addressing the root causes of high prices and it will also facilitate the coordination of national action.

The Commission's long-term strategy is focused on electrification based on homegrown clean energy, resilient grids, flexibility, interconnections and energy efficiency reducing fossil dependence and external vulnerability. The AccelerateEU Communication calls for faster implementation of the Energy Union agenda², with coordinated EU action and full delivery by Member States.

¹ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/strategy/accelerateeu-strengthen-eu-energy-resilience_en.

² https://energy.ec.europa.eu/strategy/energy-union_en.