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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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In 2025, in light of the catastrophic situation in Gaza, the High Representative/Vice-President conducted, with the support of a majority of Member States, a review of Israel's compliance with its obligations under Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement¹. The conclusion of the review was that there are indications that Israel would be in breach of its obligations.

Following the review, in September 2025 the President of the Commission proposed a package of measures during the State of the Union address². These measures include suspending trade-related provisions in the Association Agreement, introducing sanctions on extremist ministers and violent settlers and putting the Commission's bilateral support for Israel on hold, except for support to civil society and Yad Vashem. While suspension of the entire agreement would require unanimity of all 27 Member States, the partial suspension of trade-related provisions requires a qualified majority. To date, no agreement has been found in the Council and discussions continue among Member States.

On 11 May 2026, EU Foreign Ministers reached political agreement on imposing restrictive measures on a number of extremist Israeli settlers and leading members of Hamas.

¹ https://eeas.europa.eu/archives/delegations/israel/documents/eu_israel/asso_agree_en.pdf.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_25_2053.