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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The possibility of a review of Israel's compliance with Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement¹ was discussed at the Foreign Affairs Council of 20 May 2025. Based on this discussion, the High Representative /Vice-President (HR/VP) has announced that such a review will be undertaken.

The HR/VP tasked the office of the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to prepare the review based on assessments of independent international organisations (including United Nations agencies). This document was prepared for an internal discussion with Member States and found that there was evidence that Israel would be in breach of its obligations. Following the July 2025 Foreign Affairs Council, the EU engaged in a frank dialogue with Israel, with the objective to achieve significant changes in the humanitarian situation on the ground.

On 29 July 2025, the Commission proposed to partially suspend Israel's participation in Horizon Europe. The suspension specifically concerns the participation of entities established in Israel in activities funded under the Accelerator of the European Innovation Council². This suspension comes as a reaction to the review Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement.

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

² https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-proposes-partial-suspension-israels-association-horizon-europe-2025-07-29_en.