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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU condemns the Israeli government's decisions to further expand illegal settlements across the occupied West Bank and urges Israel to reverse these decisions¹. In line with the EU's commitment to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 and recalling that settlements are illegal under international law, constitute an obstacle to peace and threaten to make a two-state solution impossible, the EU reiterates its strong opposition to Israel's settlement policy and actions taken in this context.

In its Advisory Opinion of 19 July 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) concluded, inter alia, that the State of Israel is under an obligation to cease immediately all new settlement activities, and to evacuate all settlers from the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The EU urges Israel to implement orders of the ICJ.

In light of the untenable situation in Gaza due to the humanitarian blockade, and the deteriorating situation in the occupied West Bank, the High Representative/Vice-President has launched a review of Israel's compliance with Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement². Based on the review, it will be decided what further action, if any, to take.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/qa3lbg/euco-conclusions-27062024-en.pdf>.

² https://eeas.europa.eu/archives/delegations/israel/documents/eu_israel/asso_agree_en.pdf.