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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The EU has a longstanding policy of supporting the two-state solution based on the State of Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous, sovereign, and viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security and mutual recognition, and with Jerusalem serving as the future capital of both states.

The EU's position regarding Hamas has been very clear and consistent. The EU condemns in the strongest possible terms Hamas and its brutal and indiscriminate terrorist attacks across Israel and deeply deplores the loss of lives. Hamas is listed under the EU terrorist list<sup>1</sup>. The EU established restrictive measures against those who support, facilitate or enable violent actions by Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad in January 2024<sup>2</sup>.

According to Council Common Position (27 December 2001)<sup>3</sup>, the Commission cannot fund individuals or entities involved in terrorism or listed in its annex. All Commission grantees must uphold fundamental EU values<sup>4</sup> and all contracts involving EU funding worldwide contain provisions that no funds or economic resources are made available directly or indirectly to, or for the benefit of, any entities, individuals or groups of individuals designated by the EU as subject to the EU restrictive measures<sup>5</sup>.

The European External Action Service (EEAS) staff are bound by a strict code of conduct and ethical standards designed to ensure independence, integrity, and impartiality in conducting EU foreign policy, including in line with the Staff regulation for EU servants<sup>6</sup>, and Internal Control Standards applicable in the EEAS.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02001E0931-20240221>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02024D0385-20240119>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32001E0931>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/guidelines\\_for\\_grant\\_applicant\\_.pdf](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/guidelines_for_grant_applicant_.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32001E0931>

<sup>6</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:01962R0031-20140501&qid=1770199401574>