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Answer given by Ms Šuica  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The invitation to participate in the meeting was addressed to President of the Commission by the chair of the Board of Peace. The Commissioner for the Mediterranean participated on behalf of the Commission in the meeting. It is within the remit of the Commission to accept invitations of this kind as a matter of international courtesy.

The EU is not a member of the Board of Peace and still has a number of questions about a number of elements in the charter of the Board of Peace related to its scope, its governance and its compatibility with the UN Charter. The Commissioner's participation cannot be interpreted as amounting to an implicit endorsement of the Board of Peace by the Commission, let alone by the EU, nor an endorsement of the outcome of the meeting or of any resolutions that might be adopted by the Board Members.

The participation by the Commissioner for the Mediterranean in the Board of Peace meeting focused on the discussions related to Gaza and its recovery and reconstruction. The objective of the participation was to help ensure coordination and complementarity between the EU and broader international efforts. The EU plays a key role as the provider of significant external assistance to the Palestinians and is a major donor for humanitarian assistance in Gaza. It is therefore important to engage with all actors aiming at providing aid in Gaza, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2803<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4093207?v=pdf>.