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Answer given by Ms Šuica
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commissioner for the Mediterranean attended, as an observer on behalf of the Commission, the Board of Peace meeting on 19 February 2026 in Washington, District of Columbia. As the Commissioner attended as an observer, she did not intervene in the deliberations of the conference.

The attendance of the Commissioner was not subject to a Council decision as the objective of the Commission's participation was to foster coordination and complementarity between the EU and broader international efforts in relation to Gaza, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2803¹. The Commissioner was accompanied by the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, alongside representatives of some 14 Member States who participated at Ministerial or senior diplomatic level. As the EU plays a significant role as a key provider of external assistance to the Palestinian people and is a major donor for humanitarian assistance in Gaza, it is important to engage with all actors aiming at providing aid in Gaza. In this respect, the meeting offered an occasion to showcase the considerable EU support for Palestine and for a reformed Palestinian Authority, as well as to confirm the EU's readiness to support recovery and resilience in Gaza.

As reiterated on several occasions, the EU is not a member of the Board of Peace and has raised 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.

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