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Dear Petitioners,

The deteriorating situation in Gaza is of grave concern, and the EU has been constantly calling on Israel to allow immediate, unimpeded access and sustained distribution of humanitarian assistance at scale into and throughout Gaza as well as to reopen border crossings and comply with international humanitarian law, thereby upholding its obligations under international law. Since 07 October 2023, the EU has provided over EUR 674 million in humanitarian assistance for Palestine, working with trusted partners to ensure aid reaches those most in need.

While the EU respects the humanitarian commitment of flotilla participants, we are in favour of using the established channels to deliver humanitarian aid, which have proven to be more effective. The freedom of navigation under international law must be upheld, and no use of force, including seizures or attacks, against vessels in international waters is acceptable. Following the interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla in international waters, the EU used the diplomatic channels to urge Israel to ensure the safety and dignity of detained individuals as well as their release.

Allow me to recall that the EU is firmly committed to a lasting and sustainable peace based on the two-state solution and prepared to contribute to all efforts towards this solution. The EU is ready to contribute to the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict, endorsed by UN Security Council Resolution on Gaza (2803), through the variety of the tools at its disposal, based on the EU's longstanding engagement and substantial support for peace in the region.

Yours faithfully,

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