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Answer given by Vice-President Mogherini
on behalf of the Commission
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The "Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling" (WCLAC) is one of six partner organisations in a project funded by the EU's East Jerusalem Programme which aims at strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities in East Jerusalem. The activities funded by the EU aim to advocate fundamental EU values to protect vulnerable communities in East Jerusalem and to promote human rights. Ms Tamimi no longer works for the WCLAC.

The "Democracy and Workers' Rights Centre" (DWRC), in partnership with two Italian Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), received a grant from the EU aiming at strengthening the capacity of trade unions to defend fundamental rights and freedoms of female and male workers.

The two projects were selected for funding according to criteria in line with EU policy on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Financial support is monitored according to the rules of the EU's Financial Regulation. This includes verification as to whether funds are used according to the objectives agreed upon with the EU.

The EU uses every opportunity to call upon Palestinian institutions and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to refrain from incitement in whatever form, in particular incitement to violence and to terrorist acts.

EU support to civil society actors, including human rights organisations, that contribute to peace efforts and confidence-building between Israelis and Palestinians, is also in line with the European Parliament resolution on achieving the two-state solution in the Middle East that was adopted on 17 May 2017.