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Local EU statement on the continued closure of East Jerusalem institutions

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah are deeply disappointed by Israel's decision to renew once again the closure order of the Palestinian institutions in East Jerusalem, in particular the Orient House and the Chamber of Commerce. These institutions have been closed for 11 years now and should be allowed to reopen so that they can once again play their essential role serving East Jerusalem's Palestinian population, as required under the Roadmap. The EU has serious concerns over the rationale for continuing the closure of these institutions and again urges Israel to reconsider these closures and to rescind its decision.