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## The EU and the Middle East peace process

**A lasting peace between Israel and Palestine remains a priority for the European Union. In September 2015 MEPs called for a fresh EU approach to the Israel-Palestine conflict and for the resumption of credible peace efforts without delay. They also stressed the importance of preserving the viability of the two-state solution. In December 2014 MEPs voted overwhelmingly in support of the "in principle recognition of Palestinian statehood".**

The resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict is of fundamental interest to the EU, believing that the best outcome would be a two-state solution with an independent, democratic, viable and contiguous Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace and security with Israel.

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