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Subject: Humanitarian flotilla to Gaza II

Representatives of the organisational set-up for Freedom Flotilla II visited the European Parliament on 10 May 2011 and met many MEPs to present information on the new aid flotilla setting sail for Gaza in the third week of June and carrying humanitarian aid.

On the morning of 31 May 2010 a convoy of six ships bound for Gaza, known as the Freedom Flotilla, with more than 750 civilians and tonnes of aid on board, was attacked in open sea by Israeli soldiers, and the result of this act of violence was the death of nine people and injuries to many more.

According to recent press reports, Israeli military officers are saying that preparations are under way to stop any flotilla. With this in mind:

What measures will the Commission take to avoid a repeat of the tragic events of 31 May 2010 and to support protection of the humanitarian activists?

What measures will the Commission take to ensure that international human rights standards are fulfilled?

What steps is the Commission taking with a view to bringing the humanitarian aid blockade of Gaza to an end?