

EN

E-000820/2021

Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell  
on behalf of the European Commission  
(17.5.2021)

The EU has taken note of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor's statement confirming the initiation of an investigation in respect of the Situation in Palestine\*.

The EU will continue to cooperate with the ICC in the framework of the Agreement between the International Criminal Court and the European Union on cooperation and assistance, signed on 10 April 2006, including, pursuant to Article 11 of the Agreement, in relation to the cooperation with the Prosecutor, in accordance with Article 54(3)(c) of the Statute with respect to investigations.

The EU recalls that all EU Member States have ratified the Rome Statute. As States Parties, EU Member States have an obligation to cooperate fully with the Court in its investigation and prosecution of crimes within its jurisdiction.

The EU encourages both States Parties to the Rome Statute and non-States Parties to have a dialogue with the ICC. This dialogue should be non-confrontational, non-politicised and based on law and facts.

The EU reaffirms its long-standing position in support of a negotiated two-state solution based on the internationally agreed parameters. In order for this to be possible, unilateral actions from either side should be avoided and international law upheld.

---

\* This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.