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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: New crisis in the Middle East between Israel and Palestine

The crisis in the Middle East flared up again approximately one week ago with violent clashes between Israel and Palestine. The fighting was sparked off by a dispute over houses in Sheikh Jarrah, in the Arab zone.

The Israeli Supreme Court was about to assign ownership of them to Israeli settlers, but the Arab families claim they belong to them.

Too many innocent people are losing their lives, victims of a conflict that must be stopped at once.

The European Union and its 27 Member States must adopt a clear and united stance and work to urge the parties to come once more around the negotiation table.

Given these facts, can the Vice-President / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy answer the following:

1. Will he address the issue with the Israeli and Palestinian authorities as a matter of urgency?
2. In its neutral role as a peacemaker in the Middle East region, what support will the European Union offer in order to find peaceful solutions for this region?