The EU remains committed to a negotiated two-State solution, based on international law, the 1967 lines, with equivalent land swaps, as may be agreed between the parties, with the State of Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous, sovereign and viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace, security and mutual recognition.

The EU welcomes high-level contacts between the parties, and encourages further engagement to renew confidence, and to restore a political horizon and open the path towards the relaunch of the peace process as soon as possible.

The EU will continue to closely monitor the developments on the ground. The respect of international law and international human rights law are a cornerstone for peace and security in the Middle East region.

The EU is implementing its projects in a fully transparent manner and in full compliance with international law, notably the international human rights law and international humanitarian law, the Oslo Accords, as well as all the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions regarding the Middle East Peace Process. The EU is implementing its Area C development programme in a fully transparent manner, in consultation with the Israeli Civil Administration and cooperation with the Palestinian Authority. The objective is to support the Palestinian population living in Area C, to contribute to the economic and social development of this area and support the gradual transfer of Area C to Palestinian jurisdiction in accordance with the Oslo accord.

The EU strongly condemns the establishment and extension of illegal Israeli settlements in the area concerned, as well as the demolitions and confiscations by Israeli authorities of donor funded structures.

Therefore, the EU does not share the conclusions of the report that the Honourable Member is referring to.