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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:** Illegal incarceration of Palestinians by Israel

A number of Palestinian prisoners have started a hunger strike in protest at their 'administrative detention' ordered by Israel ostensibly on grounds of state security.

Palestinians are being incarcerated without charge or trial, in breach of international law. In 2022, 1 500 Palestinians in the West Bank were arrested in this way, 800 being held without charges and denied access to a fair trial and all of them being subject to psychological and physical torture.

Both they and other prisoners are also being denied medical assistance.

A case in point is 49-year-old Nasser Abu Hmaid, who has been incarcerated since 2002 and subjected to brutal and illegal interrogation. Owing to the refusal of the Israeli occupiers to provide him with the necessary care and the indifference of the prison health authorities, he has recently been suffering from increasingly serious health problems, tests having revealed terminal cancer, and he is now in a coma. Despite this, he is not even being allowed visits from his mother.

In view of this:

1. What immediate action will the EU take to uphold his rights, especially the right to visits by his mother?
2. What steps could it take to end Israel's policy of 'administrative detention' and its resulting infringement of human rights?