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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: Condemnation of Abbas for likening Israel to Nazis and calling for Israel's suspension from UN at the first UN Nakba Commemoration

At the UN General Assembly's first-ever commemoration of the 'Nakba' Commemoration Day, the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, said many concerning things. He likened Israelis to Nazis by saying they 'lie like Goebbels', demanded Israel be suspended from the UN if it does not grant Palestinians a state and a 'right of return' for millions of refugees, and denied Jewish history and ties to the Temple Mount.

In this context:

- 1) What is the assessment of the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) on President Abbas's statement, which clearly contradicts any prospects for a two-state solution?
- 2) According to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism embraced by the Commission, equating Israelis with Nazis is 21st-century antisemitism. Will the VP/HR raise this matter, either in public or in bilateral meetings with the Palestinian Authority?
- 3) Giving that the first Nakba Commemoration Day was used to de-legitimise the State of Israel and spread anti-Semitic propaganda, what is the VP/HR's view on future commemorations ?

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