

**Question for written answer E-003206/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Call for 'humanitarian pauses' in Israel's blockade preventing humanitarian aid from reaching Gaza

In Brussels yesterday, in the face of the humanitarian emergency in Gaza and Israel's blockade preventing access to humanitarian aid, the European Council agreed to call for continued, rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access so that aid can reach those in need through 'humanitarian pauses'¹.

The EU is committed to working closely with others to protect civilians, provide assistance and facilitate access to food, water, medical care, fuel and shelter.

Meanwhile, the Commission announced last week that it was going to triple humanitarian aid to Gaza², but it does not appear to have done anything more than send its President to give carte blanche to the Israeli regime's leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, who is committing genocide against the people of Gaza³.

1. What measures is the Commission considering with a view to establishing humanitarian corridors that will safeguard the compromise reached in the European Council and guarantee that humanitarian aid can get to Gaza?
2. Is the Commission going to call for a ceasefire to stop Israel's genocide against the Palestinian people?
3. Is the Commission going to demand that Israel stop massacring civilians, and will it condemn the shelling of hospitals and schools run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and put pressure on Israel with measures such as suspending the Association Agreement with the Israeli regime?

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¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/10/26/european-council-conclusions-on-middle-east-26-october-2023/>

² <https://www.elperiodico.com/es/internacional/20231014/comision-europea-triplica-ayuda-gaza-93339313>

³ <https://www.europapress.es/internacional/noticia-ascienden-mas-7000-palestinos-muertos-bombardeos-israel-contra-franja-gaza-20231026132618.html>