The EU strongly condemned the killing of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh¹. It is essential that a thorough and independent investigation clarifies all the circumstances of these incidents as soon as possible and that those responsible are brought to justice. It is unacceptable to target journalists while they perform their job. Journalists covering conflict situations must be ensured safety and protection at all times.

The EU also condemned the disproportionate use of force and the disrespectful behaviour by the Israeli police against the participants of the mourning procession².

Developments over the last few months highlight once again the dire need for renewed engagement between the parties to restore a political horizon and open the path towards the relaunch of the peace process as soon as possible.

The EU is not considering the suspension of the Association Agreement. Such a decision would need to be taken by the Council under Article 218(9) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, on proposal from the Commission.