

**Priority question for written answer P-003083/2023
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Developments concerning Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories

The State of Israel with its military machine, air strikes and artillery fire, is preparing to launch a ground offensive into the Gaza Strip that will lead to a massacre and an unimaginable humanitarian tragedy marked by displacement.

The EU, together with the US, is breathing new life into economic, political and military relations and is supporting Israel's long-standing occupation of Palestinian territories.

Just as plans are underway to flatten the Gaza Strip, the EU is seeking to completely cancel or to cut whatever insufficient aid is being given to the Palestinian Authority for basic infrastructure and needs.

What is the position of the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy:

1. On the imperative need for an immediate end to Israel's bombing of the Gaza Strip, to plans to flatten the Gaza Strip and to the genocide of the Palestinian people, with Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories ending and the formation of an independent Palestinian state along the 1967 borders, alongside Israel, with East Jerusalem as its capital?
2. On the urgent humanitarian need for Israel's criminal blockade on Gaza to end now, for the supply of food, clean water and electricity to resume and for the people of Gaza to be supported in every way possible?
3. On the fact that stopping or cutting EU funds to the Palestinian Authority, even for basic goods and infrastructure, would constitute yet another painful decision taken against the suffering Palestinian people?

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