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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: Insufficient humanitarian aid for Gaza

The hostilities in Gaza have been ongoing for almost 4 months. As the war continues and has already claimed too many lives, the living conditions in Gaza have been compared to “hell on Earth”. Humanitarian aid for basic needs such as food, medicine and fuel is crucial to alleviate hunger, treat medical conditions, and power necessary infrastructure. However, the needs do not meet the necessary supply, as entry into Gaza is strictly controlled by Israel.

We ask the High Representative:

- 1 Given the insufficient delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza by land, why has the EU not opted either for air dropping urgently needed aid (as France and Jordan did on January 4, 2024) or direct naval humanitarian missions that would dock at the port of Gaza City?
- 2 Considering Israel is controlling the entry of humanitarian missions into Gaza, how does the EU ensure that the inaction on the Israeli part as the occupying power is not de facto recognition of an illegal siege and occupation?
- 3 Furthermore, what actions, stipulated by the Geneva Conventions, have been undertaken by the EU to ensure that the occupying power is fulfilling its (4th) Geneva Convention obligations?

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