



Brussels, 18th May 2025

To the esteemed attention of

Mr. Antonio Costa, President of the European Council

Subject: Request for Diplomatic protection of humanitarian Flotilla mission

Dear President Costa,

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, hereby wish to express our deep concern regarding the recent developments involving the humanitarian missions of the Global Sumud Flotilla, as well as the safety of the activists on board the vessels.

On April 29th we learned of the military seizure operation carried out by the Israeli armed forces in international waters near Crete, and of the detention of several activists, followed by the transfer to Israel of two individuals who have been held without any formal charges and tortured by the Israeli military for 10 days.

In particular, we are deeply alarmed by statements circulated by the Israeli authorities suggesting that the vessels involved could be used for the transport of weapons, as well as estimates published by the Israeli government about an increased violence of the mission, despite the absence of any publicly available evidence supporting such allegations. These narratives risk discrediting and delegitimising the mission, while putting participants at high risk by constructing a distorted portrayal that shifts its nature from a humanitarian and non-violent initiative to a hostile operation.

In light of the presence on board of numerous European citizens, whose good faith, integrity, and humanitarian commitment we fully trust, and given the highly sensitive and dangerous context surrounding the mission, we believe it is essential that the European Union and its Member States guarantee full diplomatic and political support for the protection of those involved.

In quality of President of the European Council, we therefore urge you to call on Member States to:

- Do anything in their power to guarantee the respect of international law;
- Protect the activists currently engaged in a peaceful civil mission, guaranteeing diplomatic protection and consular support;
- Give diplomatic guarantees necessary to ensure the safety of the mission.

We therefore ask for your direct and timely commitment to leverage all the necessary political, diplomatic, and protective tools for the successful outcome of the mission and for the safety of all those involved.



Trusting in your prompt attention to this matter, we remain at your disposal for questions and inquiries.

Your sincerely,

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