

To the President of the European Parliament

Dear Ms Roberta Metsola,

To the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament,

The continuation of the aggression carried out by Israel against the Palestinian people is further aggravating the already dramatic situation in the Gaza Strip, as well as in the West Bank, as has been denounced by various entities, including UN agencies.

Israel continues its military attacks against the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip, imposes a blockade on the entry of urgently needed humanitarian aid, systematically destroys basic infrastructure and occupies parts of this Palestinian territory.

In the West Bank, Israeli settlers and military forces continue to attack the Palestinian population, while the Israeli authorities expand settlements.

The Israeli Parliament has recently passed a law that authorises the use of the death penalty to Palestinians convicted by Israeli military courts.

Israel also targets those attempting to deliver humanitarian aid to the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip, intercepting and seizing their vessels in international waters and arbitrarily detaining these activists.

The violence unleashed by Israel against the Palestinian population has reached unprecedented proportions, amounting to a veritable genocide, as recognised by the International Court of Justice.

There are numerous violations of international law, including the disregard for United Nations resolutions, on the part of Israel.

It is imperative that the European Union adopts a position condemning Israel's policy of occupation, colonisation and genocide, and takes effective and consistent action to ensure compliance with international law, including the recognition of the State of Palestine, as determined for decades by UN resolutions.

The inaction of the European Union's institutions in the face of Israel's policy of occupation, colonisation and genocide against the Palestinian people is politically and morally unacceptable and indefensible.

In light of the above, the undersigned Members request that, as President of the European Parliament, you initiate the procedure for convening, as a matter of urgency, an extraordinary plenary session of the European Parliament, in accordance with the second paragraph of Rule 160(4) of the Rules of Procedure, with the sole agenda item: "The dramatic deterioration of

the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank as a result of Israel's systematic policy of violence.”

Holding this debate is not merely necessary - it is imperative. The European Parliament and the European Union cannot remain silent in the face of the systematic violations of international law by Israel.

This urgent debate in the European Parliament is necessary, unavoidable and a matter of justice.

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