



Press Statement

Lynn Boylan on President Trump's remarks regarding Gaza

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The European Parliament in its resolution of 18 January 2024, expressed deep concern over the humanitarian crisis and the need for a political solution that respects the rights of both Palestinians and Israelis.

The European Union has also remained steadfast in supporting the two-state solution, with both Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security. The EU has opposed any actions that would undermine Palestinian rights, including forced displacement, as highlighted in its official statements regarding Gaza.

We are therefore deeply concerned by President Trump's recent remarks on Gaza, made during a joint press conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on 4 February 2025, which represent a serious misunderstanding of the realities on the ground. His suggestion of U.S. control over Gaza and the forced relocation of its population would risk further destabilising an already fragile region and undermines efforts for a just and lasting peace. Furthermore, such a proposal is contrary to international law as set out in rulings of the International Court of Justice.

The EU has welcomed the ceasefire agreement in Gaza, which is allowing for the phased release of hostages, the cessation of hostilities, and alleviation of humanitarian suffering. However, we cannot in any way support President Trump's statement, as it runs counter to the EU's position and undermines the credibility of the international community's efforts for peace and security in the region.

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