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Subject: Blatant disregard of International Criminal Court decisions by the Hungarian Prime Minister

On 22 November 2024, the Hungarian Prime Minister stated that he would extend an invitation to his Israeli counterpart to visit Hungary, asserting that the country would not recognise or enforce the arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) against Netanyahu.

According to Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU), the EU's action on the international scene should be guided by the principles that inspired its own creation, including, among others, the respect for the principles of the UN Charter and international law, and work for a high degree of cooperation in order to support the rule of law and the principles of international law.

According to Article 24(3) TEU, Member States should refrain from any action which is contrary to the interests of the Union or likely to impair its effectiveness as a cohesive force in international relations.

Considering that ICC decisions are binding upon the parties concerned, including Hungary, will the VP/HR as Commission Vice-President and Chair of the Foreign Affairs Council:

1. swiftly and immediately condemn the statement by the Prime Minister of Hungary, which currently holds the presidency of the Council;
2. abide by the role of the Commission as guardian of the Treaties and demand that the Council and all Member States unequivocally cooperate with the ICC and enforce the arrest warrant?

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