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Subject: Supporting the Abraham Accords as a stepping stone towards regional peace

Parliament's Abraham Accords Network was created in June 2023 to support diplomatic normalisation between Israel and the Arab world. Hamas' act of terrorism on 7 October 2023 shattered hopes for durable progress towards peace: Israel's security situation remains parlous and the people of Gaza continue to face a humanitarian crisis, including a looming famine.

Yet hope is not lost. The September 2020 Abraham Accords Declaration espouses the common values of tolerance, dialogue, respect for human dignity and freedom.

A two-state solution remains the best way to achieve peace in a secure, prosperous Middle East. The Abraham Accords are an essential supporting framework towards this goal. Along with other aid, the Commission has allocated EUR 18 million to strengthen regional stability in support of the Abraham Accords, in particular in light of 7 October. This investment in peace must continue.

We therefore ask:

1. How are the additional funds itemised in the Commission's November 2023 Action Document for 'Regional EU-Israel cooperation in support of the Abraham Accords, and fight against antisemitism and fostering Jewish life' helping to develop a culture of peace throughout the Middle East, particularly regarding education?
2. How can EU support for the Abraham Accords be made systemic so it contributes to a growing and sustainable Middle East peace process?

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