

Resolution on the situation in Gaza

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The Council took stock of **developments in the Middle East Peace Process** and adopted **conclusions** on the question.

Council deplores the loss of civilian life on both sides of the conflict and calls for the **immediate end to all attacks** as they cause unjustifiable suffering of innocent civilians.

The European Union **calls for an urgent de-escalation and cessation of hostilities** and supports the efforts of Egypt and other actors to mediate for a rapid **ceasefire**.

Once again, the European Union strongly condemns the rocket attacks on Israel from the Gaza Strip by Hamas and calls on Israel to respond to these attacks in a **proportionate manner** to ensure the protection of civilians.

The Council indicates that the current situation underlines once more the urgent need to move towards a **two-state solution** allowing both sides to live side-by-side in peace and security. It states that the European Union will continue working with all those with influence in the region to bring this about.