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The European Green Party (EGP) and its member parties are gravely concerned by

the ongoing developments in the Middle East and the escalating situation that

was already addressed in the resolution "The European Greens Stand for a Lasting

End to Violence in Israel and Palestine" adopted at the EGP Congress of December

2023 after October 7th and the subsequent explosion of violence calling for an

immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Since then, our concern has increased in the light of the ultranationalist far-

right Israeli government's flagrant disregard of the ICJ's ruling that Israel

must halt its military operations in Rafah and Gaza on the grounds that such

actions could lead to conditions conducive to genocide. The humanitarian

situation has continued to worsen with catastrophic consequences. Meanwhile,

Hamas has continued violence and to hold hostages, who must be released

immediately and unconditionally.

Over the past year, the escalation has spread across the region. In Lebanon, the

Israeli government must immediately cease military strikes, ground operations,

and indiscriminate acts against civilians, UN staff and peacekeepers, medical

workers and journalists that are not aligned with international law. Hezbollah

and other militant groups must enact an immediate cessation of missile and drone

strikes and indiscriminate acts against civilians. The escalation on the

20 Israeli-Lebanese border must cease so that the huge numbers of internally

displaced people on both sides can return home. We condemn Iran's attacks in

April and October 2024 against Israel as well as Iran's proxy policy in the

region.

As European Greens, we are united in diversity and, without reservation, we consider it essential to take action to stop all violence and the crimes that we condemn with this resolution. It is borne out of the recognition that the EU and all European countries bear a historical responsibility to do everything in their power to prevent any genocidal developments in the world and help work towards peace. In line with different views across Europe, some Member Parties of the European Green Party consider the Palestinian people to be the victim of genocide, others consider that this statement needs to be ruled by an international court. This diversity does not prevent us from standing united in condemnation of all crimes and calling for a fair, just and lasting solution that includes the respect for the self-determination of the Palestinian and Israeli peoples.

As European Greens, we advocate for a lasting peaceful two-state solution on the basis of the 1967 borders and in accordance with international law. With the election of Donald Trump in the United States, united and resolute European action to build peace is more urgent than ever.

- Therefore, the European Green Party, adopts the following points so that
 decisive, immediate actions can address the ongoing human rights violations and
 support the cessation of hostilities:
 - The European Green Party calls on all parties to the conflict:
 - Implement an immediate and permanent ceasefire and the release of all Israeli hostages immediately and unconditionally
 - work towards a two-state-solution on the basis of the 1967 borders and in accordance with international law
 - Abide by international treaties promoting peace and security, including the Geneva Convention and the 1951 Refugee Convention
 - Negotiate a just solution for Palestinian refugees; right to return, while respecting the right to self-determination, with appropriate compensation for those who do not return
 - Cooperate with all ICC arrest warrants

 Guarantee full human, civil, and political rights for all, regardless of 54 religion or ethnicity. This means that Palestine must provide safeguards 55 for Israelis, Israel must provide safeguards for Palestinians, and both 56 must provide safeguards for other marginalized groups such as the LGBTQ+ 57 community 58 • Respect and promote a tolerant environment for the free practice of all 59 religious denominations, including the physical integrity of and access to 60 religious buildings and spaces 61 Respect the freedom of opinion and expression for parliamentarians, 62 journalists, artists and all other civilians and make sure that people are 63 freely able to exercise these rights in a safe and respectful environment 64 65 The EGP calls upon the EU, member states and other European states to: Recognize the gravity of the ongoing breaches of international law and 66 67 take action to prevent further breaches · Condemn all violations of international law, specifically violence against 68 civilians, aid workers, medical staff, and a record number of UN staff 69 Call for accountability regarding the attacks on UNIFIL peacekeepers in 70 Lebanon 71 Sustain humanitarian aid for Palestine by all means necessary and increase 72 support for UNRWA to end the increasingly dire famine and health 73 conditions affecting Palestinian people, especially and urgently after the 74 Knesset's vote to ban UNWRA 75 · Recognize the right of Palestinian and Israeli people to self-76 determination, while also reaffirming support for a solution that enables 77 78 durable peace grounded in equality and human rights Recognize the state of Palestine as a step towards the two-state-solution 79 and welcome it into the United Nations 80

Impose targeted sanctions on Israeli, Hamas, Hezbollah, Iranian, and any

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other individuals or entities implicated in war crimes, crimes against 82 humanity, or human right abuses. Such sanctions can include travel bans, 83 asset freezes, and restrictions on financial transactions 84 85 • Ensure Israel abides by Article 2 of the EU-Israel association agreement, respecting human rights and democratic principles, and establish a pathway 86 to terminate the agreement if deemed necessary over concerns for human 87 rights and democratic principles 88 89 Except for equipment and assistance related to missile defence, call for comprehensive EU arms embargo on Israel due to the overriding risk that 90 arms will be used to commit serious human rights violations and crimes 91 92 under international law in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon. The EU Common Position 2008/944/CFSP on arms exports does not allow exports which could 93 94 contribute to human rights abuses Increase funding for political education about the conflict, antisemitism, 95 and anti-Muslim racism, and strengthen youth exchange programmes between 96 Europeans, Israelis, and Palestinians 97 Condemn antisemitic and anti-Muslim hate crimes, in public and online 98 99 Condemn the criminalisation and police violence against pro-Palestine protestors in Europe 100 101 Furthermore, we call upon the Israeli government to: Facilitate humanitarian aid and supplies into Palestine and ensure 102 unimpeded access for humanitarian actors 103 Reverse its recent ban on the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNWRA) whose 104 role is crucial and irreplaceable in alleviating human suffering in Gaza 105 and providing vital services to millions of Palestinian refugees 106 End the sea and land blockade on Gaza immediately 107

· Cease illegal settlements and return land to rightful Palestinian owners

in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions 242, 252, and 446

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110	 Address the increase in settler violence and end the use of excessive
111	force by the Israeli military in the West Bank, which have led to
112	killings, injuries, displacement, and increased movement restrictions
113	Withdraw its forces to internationally recognized Israeli territory
114	Allow Palestinians and Israelis to move freely. Safety controls must not
115	be used as a means of discrimination
116	Immediately release all Palestinians arbitrarily detained, particularly
117	minors
118	Stop using administrative detention and ensure the right to a fair trial
119	Finally, we call upon the international community to:
120	Do everything in its power to de-escalate the conflict and prevent its
121	further spread and to supportindependent civil society in Israel and
122	Palestine that work on peacebuilding
123	 Carry out full and independent investigations into all potential
124	violations of international law
125	Hold those who break international law accountable and support the work of
126	the International Criminal Court
127	 Pressure all countries that are directly or indirectly involved, such as
128	Israel, USA, Iran and Qatar to join the ICC
129	• Enforce warrants issued by the ICC. This must begin with the end to the
130	active blocking of ICC jurisdiction by the UK and US Governments. At the
131	same time, Qatar, which is used as a residence by some Hamas leaders to
132	escape justice, must cooperate with the Court.
133	Conclusion
134	The European Green Party stands firm in its commitment to justice, peace, and
135	the protection of human rights. We call for sustainable and long-term solutions

to address the root causes of the situation, and we express our solidarity with all victims. The international community must act decisively to end the violence and support a just and lasting resolution.

Background

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In the light of the latest developments in the Middle East and following-up on the resolution adopted in the EGP online Congress in 2023 and the resolution adopted at the FYEG General Assembly in 2024, the EGP Committee and FYEG propose this text to take as a basis to update the Party's position on the situation in the Middle East.

The EGP Committee and FYEG consider that based on previous experience, the EGP and its members parties have largely showed a spirit for compromise and understanding, even for sensitive topics such as this one. We hope that the clear balances and nuances found in this proposal can bring us together to continue advocating for peace in the region.

Supporters

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