



H.E. Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Union

Your excellency

I am writing to you on behalf of the Arab Organization for Human Rights/Central Europe Branch (Vienna) to call on the European Union to take immediate action to stop the ongoing annihilation of the innocent civilian population in Gaza.

Excellency

The European Union is founded on European and universal values, among them the rights of the human person, freedom, democracy, equality, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity, and the rule of law. Most of these European and universal values were violated by the apartheid regime of Israel. The illegal occupation of Arab territories since 1967, the siege of Gaza, and the ongoing slaughter of its innocent civilian population through carpet bombing of entire residential neighborhoods including civilian infrastructure, hospitals, schools, media, and humanitarian workers. These acts, in addition to forced expulsion, collective punishment, and banning water, food and electricity are crimes of war, crime of genocide, and crime against humanity under international law and international humanitarian law.

The EU support for Israel's right to self-defense without holding Israel accountable for its breaches of international law and international humanitarian law is tantamount to giving Israel a cart blanche to "open the gates of hell" as its officials promised. The massacres in Gaza continued for 17 days causing horrific destruction. So far, more than five thousand civilians have been killed, the majority of them are children and a famine and pandemics in Gaza are looming if Israel doesn't lift the water, food, and electricity ban.

The EU must act now to prevent Gaza from becoming a giant graveyard. The Israeli apartheid regime must be held accountable for all its crimes. It must implement all United Nations resolutions regarding its illegal occupation of Arab territories since 1967. This is crucial to a lasting and sustainable peace based on the two-state solution.

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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration


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