

Statement

On Recent Israeli Measures in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

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We, Members in the European Parliament, strongly condemn the Israeli Security Cabinet's measures of 8 February 2026. These actions constitute an unprecedented escalation targeting the Palestinian presence and its national, historical, and political rights in the Occupied West Bank. We protest in the strongest terms against these far-reaching changes to land administration and governance, including the public exposure of the land registry and eased restrictions for settler groups, which represent a dangerous shift toward de facto annexation and fundamentally undermine the two-state solution.

We reiterate our call for full respect for international law and condemn the expansion of control in Areas "A" and "B," the transfer of building permit authority in Hebron which nullifies the 1997 Hebron Agreement, and all measures implementing forced displacement in violation of UN Resolution 2334. We strongly oppose any measures envisaging territorial or demographic changes and stress that there must be no impunity for serious breaches of international law.

We call on the European Commission and Member States to move beyond expressions of concern and implement immediate measures to ensure accountability. The EU must articulate and enforce clear consequences for the continued breach of international obligations, emphasizing that failure to act normalizes illegal de facto annexation and undermines the credibility of the Union's own values.

We urge the adoption of robust enforcement mechanisms, including the suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement and any other partnership or instrument that facilitate settlement expansion and the dismantling of Palestinian statehood. Consequently, we demand that Israel immediately halt all actions aimed at de facto annexation and rescind all legislative and administrative measures that amount to the unlawful imposition of sovereignty over Occupied Palestinian Territory.

We reaffirm the European Parliament's commitment to a negotiated two-state solution based on the 1967 lines, with Jerusalem as the shared capital, as the only viable path to peace. The credibility of international law depends on moving beyond rhetoric toward concrete enforcement to protect the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, ensure regional stability and safeguard the world's rule-based system.

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