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Basic information		
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Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Commission Vice President/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on Relations with the Palestinian Authority		
Subject 6.40.05.06 Relations with the countries of the Middle East		
Geographical area Palestine		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs		14/07/2021
		 INCIR Evin	
		Shadow rapporteur	
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		 BEER Nicola	
		 RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS María Soraya	
		 SOLÉ Jordi	
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Key events			
25/11/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/06/2023	Vote in committee		
03/07/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0226/2023	Summary
11/07/2023	Debate in Parliament		
12/07/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		

			
12/07/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0283/2023	Summary

Technical information	
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Committee draft report		PE737.262	19/12/2022	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE742.306	07/02/2023	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0226/2023	03/07/2023	EP	Summary
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Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Commission Vice President/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on Relations with the Palestinian Authority

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted an own-initiative report by Evin INCIR (S&D, SE) on a European Parliament recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on relations with the Palestinian Authority.

Members recommended that, in implementing the EUs relations with the PA, the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy:

- reiterate the EUs unwavering support for the two-state solution, as the only viable solution to the conflict;
- call for an immediate end to all acts of violence between Israelis and Palestinians in order to reverse this spiral of violence and engage in meaningful efforts to restart peace negotiations;
- work in partnership with Israel, the PA, the United States and Arab partners in the region with a view to preventing the rearming of terrorist groups in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and their smuggling of weapons, manufacturing of rockets and building of tunnels;
- demand that Israel, as the occupying power, stop destroying vital civilian infrastructure and illegally exploiting water and land resources in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem;
- support Palestinian calls for renewed and inclusive political representation;
- ensure that the Israeli authorities allow Members of the European Parliament to access the oPt, including Gaza;
- continue to underline that Israeli settlements in the oPt are illegal under international law;
- work towards an immediate end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip;
- enhance funding, including humanitarian aid and development assistance for the green transition, youth participation, democratisation, good governance and the implementation of anti-corruption efforts and measures, such as public financial management reform;
- expand EU funding and programmes in vulnerable areas around East Jerusalem and rural areas of the West Bank and defend the rights of Palestinians living in Area C;
- continue to work with the PA and UNRWA to ensure continued and additional financial support, so that Palestine refugees in the oPt and neighbouring host countries continue to receive the assistance and protection that the agency is mandated to provide;
- provide Palestinian partners with long-term planning security and predictability by accompanying the 2024-2027 joint strategy with a multiannual action plan;
- express concern about the negative impact of the new rules restricting foreign citizens entry to and residence in the West Bank on both Palestinian society and EU citizens who wish to work, study or live in the West Bank.

Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Commission Vice President/High

Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on Relations with the Palestinian Authority

The European Parliament adopted by 338 votes to 195, with 102 abstentions, a European Parliament recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on relations with the Palestinian Authority.

Parliament recommended the following:

- reiterate the EUs unwavering support for the two-state solution, as the only viable solution to the conflict with the state of Israel and the state of Palestine living democratically side by side in peace, complete with guaranteed security, mutual recognition under the 1967 borders, mutually agreed-upon equivalent land swaps and Jerusalem as the capital of both states;
- call for an immediate end to all acts of violence between Israelis and Palestinians in order to reverse this spiral of violence and engage in meaningful efforts to restart peace negotiations;
- call for an immediate end to Palestinian terrorism, including the rocket attacks carried out by EU-listed Palestinian terrorist organisations, including Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine;
- work in partnership with Israel, the PA, the United States and Arab partners in the region with a view to preventing the rearming of terrorist groups in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and their smuggling of weapons, manufacturing of rockets and building of tunnels;
- ensure that the competent EU authorities prevent EU funding from being directly or indirectly diverted to terrorist organisations;
- deplore the presence of problematic and hateful content in Palestinian school textbooks and learning materials, which have yet to be removed;
- engage in dialogue with the Arab countries that have signed the Abraham Accords, together with the EU and United States, to explore how their normalisation agreements with Israel could be conducive to the two-state solution, Palestinian economic development and the overall development of the region;
- demand that Israel, as the occupying power, stop destroying vital civilian infrastructure and illegally exploiting water and land resources in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem;
- support Palestinian calls for renewed and inclusive political representation and urge the Palestinian political leadership to provide for the necessary conditions to hold free, credible, inclusive, transparent and fair parliamentary and presidential elections without any further delay in order to strengthen its legitimacy;
- ensure that the Israeli authorities allow Members of the European Parliament to access the oPt, including Gaza;
- call for the reunification of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip under the sovereign power of a single, legitimate and democratic Palestinian authority;
- continue to stress that Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory are illegal under international law and call for an immediate end to the settlement policy, expansion plans, expulsions of Palestinian families and demolitions of their homes;
- ensure the consistent application of the principle of legal differentiation between the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967 in all bilateral relations between the EU and Israel;
- work towards an immediate end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip;
- enhance funding, including humanitarian aid and development assistance for the green transition, youth participation, democratisation, good governance and the implementation of anti-corruption efforts and measures, such as public financial management reform;
- expand EU funding and programmes in vulnerable areas around East Jerusalem and rural areas of the West Bank and defend the rights of Palestinians living in Area C;
- invite Israel to reduce physical and administrative restrictions on Palestinian economic activity and trade;
- continue to work with the PA and UNRWA to ensure continued and additional financial support, so that Palestine refugees in the oPt and neighbouring host countries continue to receive the assistance and protection that the agency is mandated to provide;
- provide Palestinian partners with long-term planning security and predictability by accompanying the 2024-2027 joint strategy with a multiannual action plan;
- express concern about the negative impact of the new rules restricting foreign citizens entry to and residence in the West Bank on both Palestinian society and EU citizens who wish to work, study or live in the West Bank.

Transparency				
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