Support for EU Measures on Israel (Targeted Sanctions & Partial Suspension)

Dear Leading Member of the [Committee],

From your leadership position in the [Committee], your voice carries great weight not only for Germany, but for all of Europe. The European Commission is preparing targeted measures (including individual sanctions and a partial suspension of the EU–Israel Association Agreement). Since the speech by the Commission President on 10 September 2025 and the resolution of the European Parliament on 11 September 2025, a European line has been set; now the Council must decide. We should not stand in the way! I therefore write to you with the following request:

1. Support targeted sanctions (EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime): Please advocate for a precise sanctions list against demonstrably responsible actors (travel bans and asset freezes). Request timely dossiers from the European External

2. Do not block a partial suspension of the EU-Israel Agreement:

Support the partial suspension of benefits from the Association Agreement as long as the human rights clause (Art. 2) is clearly being violated; where legally possible, insist on using a qualified majority.

3. Condition research/innovation channels consistently:

Action Service and their submission to the Council.

No dilution of *Horizon Europe*: at a minimum, abstain rather than block as long as core requirements are being disregarded.

Justification:

- Supporting the Israeli people, not its radical government: Israeli citizens are
 protesting in the streets. The current offensive in Gaza does not provide security for
 the population, nor will it ever bring the hostages back. Targeted EU measures
 increase pressure on decision-makers without unduly burdening the general
 population. True friendship is demonstrated through the enforcement of shared law
 and the protection of civilians.
- Germany together with Europe: Germany should enable, not hinder, European capacity to act. Individual sanctions require unanimity, while partial suspension of trade preferences only requires a qualified majority. In both cases, Germany is a key actor.
- Social cohesion in Germany: When public guidelines are consistently translated into legally sound measures and communicated transparently, this strengthens trust in state action and helps to reduce social tensions.

Please inform me in writing by 5 October how you intend to support points 1–3 in the committees and what timeline you foresee (including your position ahead of the next Council meeting).

Sincerely, Your Supporter / [Name]

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