



STATEMENTS BY THE HR/VP

Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini on the announcement by US President Trump on Jerusalem

The European Union expresses serious concern about today's announcement by the United States President Trump on Jerusalem and the repercussions this may have on the prospect of peace. The EU position remains unchanged. The aspirations of both parties must be fulfilled and a way must be found through negotiations to resolve the status of Jerusalem as the future capital of both states.

The EU and its Member States will continue to respect the international consensus on Jerusalem embodied in, inter alia, UNSCR 478, including on the location of their diplomatic representations until the final status of Jerusalem is resolved.

The EU calls on all actors on the ground and in the wider region to show calm and restraint in order to prevent any escalation. The focus should remain on creating conditions for direct and meaningful negotiations that can resolve all final status issues. The EU stands ready to support this process and will continue to engage with both parties and its regional and international partners, including within the Quartet, towards this end.

The EU reiterates its firm commitment to the two-state solution and to its existing policies, as set out in its successive Council Conclusions. A negotiated two-state solution, which fulfils the aspirations of both sides, is the only realistic way of bringing

the lasting peace and security that both Israelis and Palestinians deserve.

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