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Local statement on the situation regarding Palestinian children arrested, detained and prosecuted by Israeli authorities

The European Union Representative and the EU Heads of Mission in Jerusalem and Ramallah issue the following statement:

The European Union Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah express their deep concern regarding the circumstances of the recent arrests of two Palestinian minors, Ahed Tamimi and Fawzi Muhammad al-Juneidi, as well as the fatal shooting by Israeli security forces of another Palestinian minor, 17-year old Musaab al-Tamimi, during protests in the occupied West Bank on 3 January. It is estimated that more than 300 Palestinian children are currently being held in Israeli military detention.

The European Union and EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah recall the importance of respecting and protecting the rights of the child, including and in particular during arrest, detention and judicial procedures. The EU calls on Israeli authorities to respond proportionately to protests, and open investigations following fatalities, in particular when involving a minor.

The European Union and EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah continue to promote and protect the rights of the child. The rights of the child are human rights and we call on Israel to act accordingly, as the occupying power and duty bearer, in relation to the occupied Palestinian territories as they fall under Israeli military law. The use of

administrative detention of children without formal charge is of particular concern.

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