



## LOCAL STATEMENTS

# The European Union Representative, the EU Heads of Mission and the Head of Mission of Norway in Jerusalem and Ramallah issue the following statement

The missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah are deeply concerned about the stated intention of the Israeli authorities to demolish the Bedouin community of Khan al Ahmar in the Occupied West Bank, location of a school which serves five local communities, and force the relocation of the community. Several structures in the community have been funded by the EU or EU Member States.

In line with their long standing position on this issue, and reiterating their strong opposition to Israel's settlement policy and actions taken in this context, including demolitions and confiscations, evictions and forced transfers, which all threaten the two-state solution, the EU and Norway call upon the Israeli authorities to halt demolitions of Palestinian houses and property, in accordance with its obligations as an occupying power under international humanitarian law, and to cease the policy of settlement construction and expansion, of designating land for exclusive Israeli use and of denying Palestinian development.

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