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Local EU Statement on hate speech by Jerusalem Mufti

"The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah condemn the Mufti of Jerusalem's inflammatory speech on January 9 at a rally marking the 47th anniversary of Fatah's founding.

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah recall that all parties are obliged under the Road Map to immediately cease incitement. Jerusalem is a city sacred to three religions and all religious leaders should be working for dignity and justice for people of all faiths.

In line with Article 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the EU firmly rejects 'any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence'."

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