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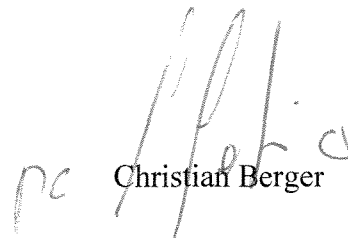
Dear Petitioners,

In its statement of 25 July, the European Union expressed its extreme concern about the escalation of violence in the Gaza Strip and the deplorable increase in the number of civilian deaths, particularly among children.

The EU also underscored the importance and urgency of addressing the humanitarian situation in Gaza, the need for Israel to respect International Humanitarian Law, and called for an immediate ceasefire.

Moreover, as stated in the 22 July conclusions of the EU Foreign Affairs Council, the tragic escalation of hostilities in Gaza confirmed once again the unsustainable nature of the status quo.

The EU will continue to engage actively with all parties to find a just and lasting solution to the conflict and to address the dire humanitarian and socio-economic situation.

  
Christian Berger