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## STATEMENT

## by the Spokesperson on the announcement of land appropriation by Israel

"We condemn the new appropriation of land in the West Bank, relating to plans for further settlement expansion, announced by the Israeli government on Sunday.

Settlements are illegal under international law, constitute an obstacle to peace and threaten to render the two-State solution impossible. The EU reiterates that it will not recognise any changes to the pre-1967 borders, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties.

At this delicate moment, any action that might undermine stability and the prospect of constructive negotiations following the ceasefire in Gaza should be avoided.

We call on the Israeli authorities to reverse this decision and to engage in good faith towards a lasting peace based on a two-state solution."

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