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Local EU Statement on the closure extension of the Orient House and the Chamber of Commerce of East Jerusalem

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah deeply regret the recent Israeli decision extending once again the closure order against the Orient House and the Chamber of Commerce of East Jerusalem. These institutions have now been closed for ten years. The EU firmly believes that these institutions should be allowed to re-open and resume their operations as focal points for Palestinians in East Jerusalem, as required under the Roadmap. The EU urges Israel to reconsider the closure and to fully review its decision.

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