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**European Commission**

President Ursula Von der Leyen  
High Representative Kaja Kallas  
Commissioner Dubravka Šuica

Brussels, 10 July 2026

**Subject: call to provide full transparency on progress of Palestinian Authority to fulfil EU-milestones ahead of the EU-PA Donor Group meeting**

Honourable President Von der Leyen,  
Honourable Vice-President Kallas,  
Honourable Commissioner Šuica,

Ahead of the next Palestinian Donor Group meeting on 13 July 2026, we, undersigned Members of the European Parliament call on you to provide full transparency on the status of achieved milestones and progress on the agreed Reform Agenda by the Palestinian Authority in exchange for EU support.

On 17 July 2024, the European Commission and the Palestinian Authority signed a Letter of Intent, committing to cooperation on a Programme for Recovery and Resilience, contingent upon the successful implementation of substantial reforms. We write you to underline the importance of tracking the implementation of these reforms, as its success is important to improve the situation in the Palestinian Territories as well as in Israel.

We as Members of the European Parliament stress that deradicalization is one of the pillars to stabilize the situation in the area. And deradicalization starts young, because one of the most urgent and visible manifestations of radicalization and hatred is the Palestinian Authority's unreformed school curriculum. This continues to incite antisemitism and violence. Despite the substantial financial assistance provided by the EU, including over €380 million in funding tied to reform benchmarks, with additional future funding contingent on the implementation of curriculum reform, there has been no verifiable progress.

Additionally, in an April 2026 report<sup>1</sup> to the US congress, the U.S. Department of State confirmed that the Palestinian Authority maintains its tradition of payments for acts of terrorism, commonly known as 'pay-for-slay'. The report details that in 2025, the PA provided \$156 million in payments and benefits to Palestinian terrorists and their families - \$126 million to Palestinian terrorists and released convicted Palestinian terrorists from Israeli prisons, and \$30 million to the families of Palestinian terrorists who died committing their acts of terrorism.

These are clear indications that there is no willingness to implement meaningful reform. As the 13 July Palestinian Donor Group meeting is presented by the Commission as an opportunity assess the Palestinian Authority's progress in implementing its Reform Agenda, it is critical to acknowledge that the pay-for-slay and textbook reforms remain entirely unfulfilled. We urge you to make this a priority at the discussions with the Palestinian Authority on 13 July 2026.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.state.gov/releases/bureau-of-near-eastern-affairs/2026/04/report-to-congress-on-palestinian-payments-for-acts-of-terrorism-and-limitation-on-assistance-to-the-west-bank-and-gaza>

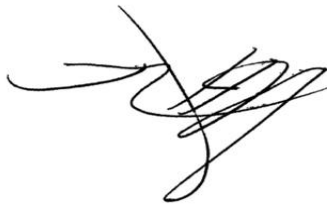
We call upon the European Commission to provide full transparency regarding the status of the reforms agreed upon in the Letter of Intent and provide clarification on the financial consequences should these reforms not be pursued or enforced.

Furthermore, as demanded<sup>2</sup> by the European Parliament on 29 April 2026, the Commission must strengthen its vetting standards, particularly with regard to the allocation of humanitarian aid and reconstruction funds. We strongly urge that these criteria be applied comprehensively to ensure that no assistance is directed to terrorist groups or entities with terrorist affiliations, including civil society organizations with direct or indirect links to such entities.

As the largest donor to the Palestinian Authority, the EU is best positioned to leverage this strategic relationship to promote lasting peace and stability. This requires recalibrating aid in a post-conflict context to prioritize the deradicalization of society, the promotion of peace, and the provision of humanitarian aid to the civilian population. We trust that the Commission will act in accordance with these concerns, ensuring that EU funds are used responsibly and contribute to a peaceful future for all.

**We look forward to receiving full documentation on the progress and status of reforms agreed to by the Palestinian Authority as soon as possible**, supported by annexed audits, benchmark assessments and verification reports, or a clear statement where such documentation does not exist.

Sincerely,



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