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*Speech by President Charles Michel at the Gaza aid conference in Jordan.*

First let me thank you for convening this important conference here in Jordan. A lot has happened since the Cairo Peace Summit last October. That is why today's conference is so vital.

The European Union was born from the ashes of World War II, a horrific humanitarian disaster. Since then, we have built our Union on the principles of human dignity, international cooperation, and international humanitarian law. Each civilian life matters, always and everywhere.

That is why, from day one, we have condemned Hamas' brutal attack against the people of Israel last October. We also condemn the loss of each civilian life and the horrendous suffering and humanitarian disaster in Gaza.

The EU has three key priorities: ending the war, more humanitarian assistance and a political process.

First, ending the war in Gaza and ensuring the protection of all civilians. Every day without a ceasefire is another day of blood and death. We call for an immediate ceasefire, the unconditional release of all hostages, and the provision of humanitarian assistance.

Second, we must address the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza and the magnitude of the disaster. According to sources, over 37,000 Palestinians have been killed and nearly 85,000 injured. 75% of the population in Gaza is internally displaced, with nowhere safe to go.



This war has also been a nightmare for the children of Gaza. 17,000 of them are separated from their families and many are orphans. Many have had limbs amputated, often without proper medical conditions. Each of these numbers represents a human life. And each is absolutely heartbreaking. And all this suffering is happening just a couple of hundred kilometres from here. We cannot, and we do not, forget the West Bank and we call for an immediate halt to violence, there and in East Jerusalem.

Our third priority is about the future. A more peaceful future. We have no choice but to look beyond this darkness to an urgent settlement based on the two-state solution. And there is one lesson learned: security without peace is not security. Peace is the best and lasting security guarantee for both Israelis and Palestinians. We have consistently supported the two-state solution. We also support the Palestinian Authority and its reforms.

The EU has built a Union founded on forgiveness, reconciliation, and human dignity. We believe in International Humanitarian Law and international justice. We will always be on the side of humanity, not on the side of hatred.

That is why we believe in the words of Eleanor Roosevelt. She said: “It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”

Humanity has no borders. It has no religion and no skin colour. It is universal. Let’s work together to build a safe and peaceful future for this region and its children. You can count on the EU.