

To the attention of:

Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

Charles Michel, President of the European Council

Josep Borrell, High-Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs/Vice-President

Brussels, 30 May 2024

Dear President Metsola,
Dear President von der Leyen,
Dear President Michel,
Dear High Representative Borrell,

The International Criminal Court, with the arrest warrants for 5 persons for war crimes in Gaza, is exercising its duty and the institutions of the European Union, as well as the Member States, must respect the decisions and comply with the warrants and any future decision. The institutions of the European Union respectfully surround the ICC and have invoked its jurisdiction in cases of crimes such as genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression.

By demonstrating that the Union, as the defender of international law, does not operate with double standards but recognises the authority of institutions and international legitimacy without exceptions depending on the identity of the perpetrator, we must immediately support the initiatives but also proclaim the independence of the ICC as an institution.

At the same time, since the position of the Union and of the European Parliament, but also of the international community as a whole, has always been that the Middle-East conflict resolution goes through the UN resolutions and the 1967 borders for the two-state solution, we must stand by our decisions. In order to exert political pressure for an immediate ceasefire and the prospect of a solution, we must call on the Member States to follow the example of those who have already recognised the Palestinian State.

If peace is our goal, it must be based on justice.

With sincere regards

The undersigned MEPs

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