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Answer given by Ms Lahbib
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission takes very seriously any allegations involving EU-funded partners. Upon being informed of the allegations, the Commission sought clarifications, including by requesting Israeli authorities to share the original documents to verify the authenticity of the documentation based on which the allegations were made. The Commission is in the process of seeking further clarifications from the concerned parties.

At present, the Commission is not aware of any verified information indicating that EU-funded entities are breaching EU standards and values¹, including international law and humanitarian principles, in Gaza.

Should such evidence be presented or obtained, the Commission will take all the appropriate measures available notably under the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509² and the applicable contractual provisions.

The Commission is aware of the complex operational situation in which EU-funded entities operate in Gaza. This is why there are already rigorous safeguards in place, including ex-ante due diligence and risk assessment processes, as well as rigorous ex-post monitoring and controls.

Under the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509, the Commission applies strict safeguards to ensure that a person or entity is excluded, under certain conditions, from EU funding if they are involved in any criminal activity, including terrorist financing and terrorist offences.

¹ Article 138(1), point (c)(vi) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 26.9.2024 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj/eng>).

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj/eng>.