Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh discusses current political and economic developments with the European Union

Ramallah, 13/01/2026 – Today, Tuesday, His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, discussed current political and economic developments with a delegation from the European Union, amid the escalating situation in the occupied Palestinian territory.

The delegation included Mr. Alexander Stutzmann, EU Representative; Mr. Christian Berger, Director of the EEAS Crisis Response Center; Mr. James Rizzo, Deputy EU Representative in Palestine; and Mr. Shadi Othman, Media Officer. The meeting was also attended on the Palestinian side by Presidential Spokesperson HE Mr. Nabil Abu Rudeineh, Major General Rislan Shibrahim, Advisor to the Vice President, and Mrs. Ayah AlMuhisin, Chief of Staff to the Vice President.

During the meeting, Al Sheikh stressed the need to move to the second phase of the plan announced by US President Donald Trump, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2803, to help consolidate the calm and initiate a genuine political horizon. At the same time, he emphasized the necessity of urgent and unhindered entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, given the catastrophic humanitarian conditions faced by our people, and underscored the importance of politically and legally linking the West Bank and Gaza as the foundation of the territorial unity of the Palestinian state.

He also highlighted the vital European role in supporting

political and economic efforts aimed at achieving stability and safeguarding the rights of the Palestinian people in accordance with international law and resolutions of international legitimacy, reaffirming that interim solutions cannot replace a political process that ends the occupation and achieves a just and lasting peace.

For their part, EU representatives reaffirmed the European Union’s commitment to continuing its support for the Palestinian people and institutions, strengthening its partnership with the Palestinian leadership, addressing urgent humanitarian needs, and supporting efforts toward stability.