

Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh Welcomes the Council of Europe's Stances on Halting Settlement Activity, Releasing Palestinian Funds, and Allowing Aid into Gaza

Ramallah—October 17, 2026—His Excellency Hussein Al Sheikh, Vice President of the State of Palestine, welcomed the positions adopted by the European Council at its recent summit, which underscored the necessity of halting settlement expansion, withdrawing the construction tenders for the “E1 area”, releasing Palestinian withheld clearance revenues, and ensuring the delivery of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

Al Sheikh appreciated this European stance in support of international law and the rights of the Palestinian people, and emphasized the necessity of translating these positions into practical, effective steps. Such actions would contribute to ending the occupation and realizing an independent, sovereign Palestinian state based on the June 4, 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with the two-state solution and international legitimacy resolutions.

Al Sheikh also appreciated the ongoing European support for the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority, as well as the support provided for reform efforts and the strengthening of national institutions, all of which contribute to consolidating stability and fulfilling the aspirations of our people.