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Dear Commissioner,

I am horrified by recent events in Lebanon, which has only just begun to experience real independence after decades of conflict and affective occupation by both Israel and Syria.

Since the escalation of hostilities on July 12<sup>th</sup>, more than 1,200 people have lost their lives: 100 Israelis and over 1,100 Lebanese. Of these, 1,009 Lebanese civilians have been killed, compared to 37 in Israel: that's more than 30 Lebanese civilians killed for every Israeli. More have been wounded and millions have been displaced from their homes, in both countries.

I deplore the violence and condemn the attacks on civilians and breaches of international law committed by all parties to this conflict. Credible reports suggest that both Hezbollah and Israel are in clear breach of international law, as both have deliberately or recklessly targeted civilians in the conflict. The Israeli action seems to be a collective punishment on the Lebanese people and I am led to understand Israeli troops have been illegally using phosphorous and depleted uranium weapons, as well as indiscriminate cluster bombs which tend to cause most casualties amongst civilians.

The EU has a responsibility to stop the killing immediately and ensure standards of international law are upheld in the Middle East, and I trust you are doing everything in your power to do just this.

In particular, I call on you to suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement until Israel has ceased its attacks on Lebanon and demonstrated its commitment to upholding international law. Whilst there is no similar agreement between the EU and Lebanon or Hezbollah, I believe the EU must present a united call for Hezbollah similarly to cease all attacks.

The EU must back international calls for an immediate ceasefire to allow diplomatic talks and aid convoys to resume, seeking a long-term solution to the conflict whilst ameliorating th humanitarian disaster unfolding in Lebanon. I would be grateful if you would reply, detailing the action the Commission will take to try and restore peace and justice to the EU's partners in the Middle East.

Yours sincerely,



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