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### CALLS FOR A HUMANITARIAN PAUSE 19 OCT 23

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**USPA NEWS** - "The European Parliament strongly condemns the terrorist acts of Hamas, calls for a humanitarian pause and recalls that peace requires a two-state solution. The European Parliament debated during this session and has just adopted by a large majority today a resolution on the situation in the Middle East. The delegation of the social and ecological left supports this text, which is complete and balanced.

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We emphasize that these objectives must be pursued within the strict framework and in full respect of international law and humanitarian law. The indiscriminate bombing of civilian targets in the Gaza Strip and the complete blockade of the area and total cuts of water, electricity and gas constitute violations of humanitarian law. We cannot tolerate the collective punishment of the Gazans.

Israel's legitimate response against Hamas cannot justify the sacrifice of thousands of Palestinian civilian victims. We call for a humanitarian pause to spare innocent lives and encourage Tel Aviv to carry out a targeted offensive against terrorists and their relays.

While the population of Gaza is in absolute distress and a humanitarian catastrophe is emerging in this area, the European Parliament is calling for an increase in EU humanitarian aid and the opening of emergency corridors to transport this help.

Furthermore, stopping Hamas will only be possible by drastically drying up its financial and military resources. We know who the

sponsors of this terrorist organization are: Iran and Qatar in the first place. The resolution we adopted today clearly calls for an investigation into the role of these Iranian and Qatari sponsors and condemns foreign support for Hamas. This must be a priority.

Finally, we reiterate our unchanged support for a negotiated solution providing for two free, viable and secure States. The European Union was built for peace. It has a decisive role to play in making this only viable solution possible and sustainable." Source: Delegation of the European Social Left, (October 19, 2023)

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