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Humanitarian

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- Ministerial approval to join a joint statement s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b) in response to the humanitarian situation in Gaza (expected to be released Friday)

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**Subject:** RE: E3+ Gaza humanitarian statement - invitation to join [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## OFFICIAL

Good morning all,

Confirming this statement has been published on the Foreign Minister's website as requested:

[Joint donor statement on humanitarian aid to Gaza | Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs](#)

I have set the publish date to 19 May, to match our UK counterparts.

Regards,  
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**Subject:** Re: E3+ Gaza humanitarian statement - invitation to join [REDACTED]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) – grateful if you could update the statement to include Belgium. s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

I've attached an image of the updated statement – working off the phone sorry; but have forwarded you a soft copy separately.

Cheers,  
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Hi <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> (cc others for visibility)

<sup>s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)</sup> the final statement, including signatories – attached / below. <sup>s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)</sup>

Could you please publish to the website?

Thanks,

<sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

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### **Joint donor statement on humanitarian aid to Gaza**

Whilst we acknowledge indications of a limited restart of aid, Israel blocked humanitarian aid entering Gaza for over two months. Food, medicines and essential supplies are exhausted. The population faces starvation. Gaza's people must receive the aid they desperately need.

Prior to the aid block, the UN and humanitarian NGOs delivered aid into Gaza, working with great courage, at the risk of their lives and in the face of major access challenges imposed by Israel. These organisations subscribe to upholding humanitarian principles, operating independently, with neutrality, impartiality and humanity. They have the logistical capacity, expertise and operational coverage to deliver assistance across Gaza to those who need it most.

Israel's security cabinet has reportedly approved a new model for delivering aid into Gaza, which the UN and our humanitarian partners cannot support. They are clear that they will not participate in any arrangement that does not fully respect the humanitarian principles. Humanitarian principles matter for every conflict around the world and should be applied consistently in every warzone. The UN has raised concerns that the proposed model cannot deliver aid effectively, at the speed and scale required. It places beneficiaries and aid workers at risk, undermines the role and independence of the UN and our trusted partners, and links humanitarian aid to

political and military objectives. Humanitarian aid should never be politicised, and Palestinian territory must not be reduced nor subjected to any demographic change.

As humanitarian donors, we have two straightforward messages for the Government of Israel: allow a full resumption of aid into Gaza immediately and enable the UN and humanitarian organisations to work independently and impartially to save lives, reduce suffering and maintain dignity. We remain committed to meeting the acute needs we see in Gaza. We also reiterate our firm message that Hamas must immediately release all remaining hostages and allow humanitarian assistance to be distributed without interference. It is our firm conviction that an immediate return to a ceasefire and working towards the implementation of a two-state solution are the only way to bring peace and security to Israelis and Palestinians and ensure long-term stability for the whole region.

**This statement has been signed by:**

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The EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission, the EU Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management and the EU Commissioner for the Mediterranean.

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Thanks, all. Confirming Australia will join this statement.

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Hi Internet publishing colleagues.

s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b) Austria has joined the Gaza-humanitarian statement – see below and attached.

Grateful if you could update the text on our FM's website to reflect this.

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**MEDIA TALKING POINTS****DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS****Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC****Originating Division: MAD****Subject: Hamas-Israel Conflict****Version Date:** 23/6/2025**Reason for Update:** Update Australian aid figure and information about Gaza Humanitarian Fund**Version:** 60**Expiry:** 31/07/2025**Talking Points****Headline Statements**

- Australia urges an immediate return to a ceasefire in Gaza
  - civilians must be protected and all hostages released
  - all parties must abide by international law and rapid, sustained and unimpeded aid must flow to those in desperate need.
- Australia will continue working with the international community towards a two-state solution
  - a Palestinian state and the State of Israel, living side by side in peace and security within internationally recognised borders.
- Australia joins international partners in calling on Israel to allow a full and immediate resumption of aid to Gaza
  - Palestinian civilians cannot pay the price of defeating Hamas
  - a significant, unimpeded and sustained scale-up is required
  - and aid workers must be protected to enable their lifesaving work.
- As Prime Minister Albanese has said, Israel's blocking of aid to people in need in Gaza is completely unacceptable
  - the Israeli Government cannot allow the suffering to continue.
- Australia has committed over \$110m in humanitarian assistance to support civilians in Gaza and Lebanon since 7 October 2023.
- We have consistently opposed the expansion of military operations by Israel in Gaza
  - just as we have been clear that forced displacement of Palestinians from Gaza would breach international law.
- Australia remains unequivocal in our condemnation of Hamas' horrific attacks on 7 October 2023 and ongoing acts of terror; use of human shields; and use of civilian infrastructure to launch attacks on Israel
  - terrorist group Hamas must release all hostages immediately, unconditionally and with dignity



- Gaza must no longer be used as a platform for terrorism
  - there is no role for Hamas in the future governance of Gaza.
- Hamas must be defeated and dismantled – but this cannot be without account for the protection and welfare of Palestinian civilians
  - protection of civilians is paramount and a requirement under international law
  - the right of self-defence is not unconstrained: force used in self-defence must be necessary to address the threat or use of force and it must be proportionate to the threat that is faced.
- Australia has coordinated with partners in condemning and applying sanctions against Hamas, Hizballah and others for their terrorism
  - we have also joined to condemn and apply sanctions on Israeli extremists for their violence against Palestinians.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

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**Joint donor statement on humanitarian aid to Gaza [19 May 2025]**

- Australia joins international partners in calling on Israel to allow a full and immediate resumption of aid to Gaza.
- *Dire* UN reports about the further risks to babies and children in Gaza underline our call
  - the Israeli Government cannot allow the suffering to continue.
- The statement released by Australia and 23 other countries calls on Israel to enable the UN and humanitarian organisations to do their work unimpeded and save lives in Gaza.
- Our humanitarian partners have confirmed that they stand ready to provide immediate and lifesaving assistance to the people of Gaza

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Also on 19 May, Foreign Minister Wong joined a statement by over 20 countries – including the UK, France, Germany – pressing Israel to end its block on aid into Gaza. The statement called for an end to impediments to the UN rapidly delivering aid at scale, and emphasised that aid should not be used to advance military or political objectives (such as displacement).

On 26 May, Prime Minister Albanese said “Israel's actions are completely unacceptable. It is outrageous that there be a blockade of food and supplies to people who are in need in Gaza... and we find Israel's excuses and explanations completely untenable and without credibility. People are starving, and the idea that a democratic state withholds supply is an outrage... But states, which are democratic states, have a responsibility to behave in a way that is consistent with International Law and with humanitarian concerns.”

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