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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the EU on possible house demolitions in East Jerusalem**

**The EU is deeply concerned about the threat of demolition to approximately 90 houses in the Al-Bustan / Silwan area adjacent to the Old City in East Jerusalem.**

If implemented, the demolition would deprive more than 1000 Palestinians of their homes and would be the largest destruction of Palestinian houses in East Jerusalem since 1967.

The EU reminds Israel of its obligations under the Roadmap and international law. Demolition of houses in this sensitive area threatens the viability of a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement, in conformity with international law.

The EU urges the Israeli authorities to prevent the demolition of Palestinian houses in East Jerusalem.