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Local EU Statement on demolitions

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah are seriously concerned about the demolitions of 30 Palestinian-owned structures, including residential structures, in the Jordan valley on 10 December. The demolitions resulted in the displacement of 41 people, including 24 children, some of whom were uprooted for the second time this month. These demolitions come in addition to other recent demolitions, some of which have affected structures funded by EU member states. Since the beginning of the year, more than 600 Palestinian-owned structures have been demolished in Area C and East Jerusalem, displacing around 1000 Palestinians.

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah recall the 16 December 2013 Council Conclusions as well as the 14 May 2012 Council Conclusions, in which the EU expressed grave concern at house demolitions and called upon Israel to meet its obligations regarding the living conditions of the Palestinian population in Area C, including by halting the forced transfer of population and demolitions of Palestinian housing and infrastructure.

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