

## **EUROPEAN UNION** - Delegation to the State of Israel

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## NOTE VERBALE

The Delegation of the European Union to the State of Israel presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to its notes verbales of 16 July 2015 (D(2015)295), of 29 July 2015 (D(2015)319), of 9 September 2015 (D(2015)372), and of 28 October 2015 (D(2015)452, to remit the enclosed documents to the Ministry and to communicate the following:

The attempt by national courts to serve judicial acts on the Delegation is contrary to the inviolability of the premises of the Delegation under Article 3 of the Establishment Agreement of 8 September 1980, according to which the Delegation enjoys privileges and immunities corresponding to those accorded, in conformity with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, to diplomatic missions accredited to the State of Israel.

The enclosed judicial acts also contravene the European Union's immunity from jurisdiction and, also for that reason, cannot be served on the Delegation.

The Delegation therefore kindly reiterates its requests the Ministry to take the appropriate steps to inform the court having issued the decisions that jurisdictional immunity is invoked.

The Delegation would be grateful to receive confirmation from the Ministry that the court having issued the decisions was duly informed of the above.

The Delegation of the European Union to the State of Israel avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs JERUSALEM

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