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# COGAT's Statement on the Ongoing Humanitarian Measures in Gaza and the latest IPC Alert

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### Executive summary

In light of the recent IPC report on food insecurity in the Gaza Strip, we reaffirm our commitment to enabling and expanding humanitarian assistance to the civilian population.

Israel, through COGAT and other relevant agencies, conducts continuous, in-depth humanitarian assessments based on a wide range of reliable, multi-source data, including open-source intelligence, NGO input, partner coordination, and direct operational monitoring. These real-time assessments guide Israel's ongoing humanitarian efforts, many of which were initiated well before the publication of the current IPC report. **Israel's Policy is driven by real-time assessments, not media narratives.**

We are facing a terrorist organization that exploits every humanitarian platform, spreads false reports, and crafts deceptive narratives - which, regrettably, are often adopted by the international community through UN publications.

Over the past weeks, Israel has implemented a series of substantial measures to improve humanitarian access and conditions on the ground in Gaza which are entirely absent from the IPC's report. The IPC alert points out recommended actions, some of which some Israel has already been implementing.

These steps include the expansion of aid corridors, restoration of critical infrastructure, authorization of fuel and nutritional supplies, and the facilitation of over 2,000 trucks in recent weeks, and increasing the daily average to over 150 trucks per day. Israel has also opened crossings, supported airdrops, and is developing additional mechanisms to further increase aid delivery and reach.

At the same time, Israel continues to face significant challenges to effective aid distribution which do not originate at the border crossings, but rather within Gaza itself. While Israel enables the entry of increasing volumes of humanitarian aid, the core impediments to delivery lie in poor collection and distribution abilities of the international organizations and the UN agencies, aid diversion, and direct obstruction by Hamas.

1. Israel is constantly expanding its humanitarian measures, but others must also step up.

- Israel is constantly expanding its efforts in an ongoing and continuous manner. Aid enters Gaza both through the distribution center mechanism and complementary aid through the UN.
- In recent weeks, Israel took the following steps, which have significantly changed the situation on the ground, yet were not mentioned in the IPC alert report.

Some examples:

- Opening the Zikim crossing, including on Fridays, to increase access to northern Gaza.
- Implementing regular humanitarian pauses to facilitate safe aid delivery within Gaza.
- Actively Facilitating the collection by UN agencies and international organizations and entry of over 2,000 humanitarian aid trucks into Gaza in recent weeks - a substantial increase compared to the previous average.
- Reopening the Egyptian and Jordanian corridors for additional aid routes.
- Restoring critical infrastructure, including the electricity line, which now powers Gaza's southern desalination plant, and repairing water lines, expanding drinking water access.
- Resuming the entry of fuel for humanitarian use in coordination with the UN 3 fuel tankers a day, based on the UNs fuel needs assessment.
- Proactively coordinating the entry and distribution of over 3,000 tons of infant formula and nutrition supplies in larger quantities.
- Supporting humanitarian airdrops in cooperation with the UAE, Egypt, Jordan, and international partners.
- Establishing secured humanitarian corridors for the collection and distribution of aid from the crossings.

These measures succeed to increase the daily average of aid trucks entering Gaza to more than 150 trucks per day. It should be noted that there is no quantitative limit on the amount of trucks that can enter Gaza, rather it is dependent on the collection abilities of the UN and international organizations. Additionally, supported by the expanded aid deliver, bakeries and community kitchen were reopened.

## 2. Hamas actively sabotages aid distribution and exploits humanitarian mechanisms.

- There is documentation of Hamas and other armed factions seizing aid, intimidating aid workers, and taxing or diverting food and fuel meant for civilians.
- Hamas's activities in territory, on roads, and within warehouses in Gaza have led to repeated theft, redirection, and denial of critical supplies from those most in need.
- Israel has intelligence and video documentation showing Hamas fighters looting convoys and preventing distribution, and even attacking civilians who try to access aid not under their control.
- Hamas is actively work to spread disinformation and to exacerbate the humanitarian situation as strategy.

## 3. Israel is enabling massive quantities of aid, but others are failing in their responsibilities.

- Distribution bottlenecks are not on the Israeli side of the border; they are on the Gaza side of the crossings and within Gaza. Aid that enters Gaza often sits for days in staging areas due to internal dysfunction, poor collection ability by UN agencies, and obstruction by Hamas.
- Israel worked in full cooperation to find solutions upon request by the UN agencies and other humanitarian actors the find different routes and solutions.

## 4. The IPC's methodology lacks transparency and is vulnerable to manipulation.

- This IPC alert contains very limited new information, and several of the sources it relies on are not publicly available, making it impossible to independently assess their credibility. Previous IPC reports have been shown to contain significant factual and methodological flaws, which Israel has detailed extensively (links provided), but have yet to receive any substantive response. Moreover, IPC's own follow-up reports have repeatedly contradicted earlier projections, demonstrating that many of its forecasts have been exaggerated and unfounded.
- The IPC's data collection in Gaza is conducted in an environment where Hamas, a designated terrorist organization, is a major player and has significant influence and control over data sources.
- The IPC does not independently verify distribution or end-user delivery of aid, leaving a major gap between "entry" and actual "impact."

## Conclusion:

Israel remains committed to facilitating a response for the humanitarian needs in Gaza and has significantly expanded aid access and infrastructure support in recent weeks. While

the IPC alert overlooks these efforts, the main challenge now lies in distribution inside Gaza. Israel urges all stakeholders to act with responsibility and work together to ensure aid reaches those who need it most.