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Dear Mr Forest,

Thank you for your letter to High Representative Federica Mogherini of 3 June. I have been asked to reply to you on her behalf.

As you note, the United States, together with the Kingdom of Bahrain, organised an economic Workshop in Manama on 25-26 June. The workshop was attended by the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, Susana Terstal.

From the EU's perspective, we remain ready to work with the United States and other partners on the basis of our long-standing positions and the well-established and internationally agreed parameters for a resolution of the conflict. This means a negotiated two-State solution, with the State of Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous and viable Palestinian State in the West Bank and Gaza, with borders negotiated on the basis of the 1967 lines and mutually agreed land swaps, and with Jerusalem as the future capital of both states.

Ultimately, and as the High Representative has made clear, while the economic development of the whole region is crucial, this must be accompanied by a viable political solution to the conflict that takes into account the legitimate aspirations of both the Palestinians and the Israelis and these agreed international parameters.

Best regards,

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