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**DECLARACIÓN CONJUNTA DEL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO, PEDRO SÁNCHEZ, JUNTO AL PRIMER MINISTRO BELGA, ALEXANDER DE CROO, Y EL PRESIDENTE DE EGIPTO, ABDEL FATAH AL-SISI**

El Cairo, 24 de noviembre de 2023

## INTERVENCIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO, PEDRO SÁNCHEZ

Good morning,

I would like to thank President Al Sisi for making the time to receive Prime Minister De Croo and myself, especially on a Friday. *Shukran jazilan rais Al Sisi.*

Yesterday we visited Israel and Palestine. The dreadful traces of the terrorist attacks committed by Hamas on October 7th are a testimony of the cruelest dimension of humanity.

But the response cannot be the death of innocent civilians in Gaza, including thousands of children.

We are now headed to the Rafah crossing, the door to Gaza, where over two million people are trapped in the horrors of war.

And my first message to send by coming to Egypt and to the border with Gaza is very clear: we must stop this humanitarian catastrophe.

Humanitarian aid must enter Gaza at scale and regularly. And we must take the necessary steps towards a lasting humanitarian ceasefire. That is what we asked the Israeli authorities, with whom we had frank exchanges.

We celebrate the agreement for the release of hostages and to establish a humanitarian pause. We hope it sets, President Al Sisi, the basis towards reaching a lasting humanitarian ceasefire.

I would like to commend Egypt for the fundamental role you are playing at many levels in dealing with the ongoing war in Gaza. You are instrumental for the delivery of humanitarian aid, the evacuation of Palestinians in need of medical treatment, the evacuation of foreigners, and all your mediation and diplomatic capacities.

We are well aware that the ongoing conflict on your border is also a direct concern for the security and stability of your country. In that sense, I would like to express the commitment of my country, Spain, but also of the full European Union, with Egypt.

In order to support Egyptian authorities in responding to the ongoing crisis, Spain will deliver this week a shipment of medical equipment. About 4 tons of equipment will be delivered to Egyptian hospitals to boost their capacity delivering medical treatment to those evacuated from Gaza.

This shipment will be delivered through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, in yet another example of how the European Union works together to support our partners.

Beyond the response to this humanitarian crisis, the European Union will continue to support Egypt, and we look forward to strengthening the cooperation mechanisms for that purpose.

My second message is that we must start working today on finally implementing the two state solution, as you mentioned before, Mr. President. Today, more than ever, we need to bring back a serious and credible perspective for peace. Any solution must be comprehensive.

But we know it is not an easy task. Ending the Israeli-Arab Conflict, which has been ongoing for more than a century, is a daunting task.

That is why the international community needs to play an active and constructive role. And that is why it was so important for us to come here today to meet with you, President Al Sisi.

I have proposed, we have proposed, convening an international peace conference with the parties as soon as possible. The European Union, the League of Arab States and the Organization for Islamic Cooperation, have also endorsed this idea.

I hope that Europeans, Arabs, and the rest of the world, can come together to put an end to this never-ending cycle of violence. And I call on Egypt's leadership for that process.

And I thank you.

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