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Dear Mrs Spanu,

Thank you for your message addressed to the Executive Vice-President Roxana Mînzatu. I have been asked to reply on her behalf as Head of Unit for Schools and Multilingualism in DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture of the European Commission.

Thank you for raising your voices with such courage and compassion to take action helping children and people affected by wars. At European level we truly support your call. We all agree that the tragedy in Gaza must stop. President von der Leyen's speech at the highlevel "International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement" last September is a powerful statement which captures a series of concrete actions taken at European level with the aim to put an end to the war in Gaza, and pave the way for the reconstruction of the country. You can find the full speech here.

Your call for finding a solution and for peace is a powerful reminder that the decisions we make today shape the world you will inherit tomorrow. Never doubt the impact of your voices — they inspire leaders to act with greater urgency and responsibility. Together, we must continue striving for a world where every child can grow up safe, hopeful, and free from the shadow of war.

Yours sincerely,

Monika KEPE-HOLMBERG Head of Unit