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Mounir Satouri, Chair of the European Parliament's subcommittee on human rights and Lynn Boylan MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Palestine, voice deep concern over the United States administration decision to sanction Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967.

"The recent decision by the United States administration to sanction UN Special Rapporteur, Francesca Albanese, EU citizen and distinguished legal scholar, is of great concern. Ensuring the independence of UN human rights monitoring is a cornerstone of the international system, and it is essential that experts be able to carry out their work freely and without undue pressure.

"We reiterate the importance of upholding the integrity and impartiality of all UN Special Rapporteurs, which are mandated to monitor and report on human rights situations worldwide.

"We encourage the European Union and its Member States to continue supporting the independence of UN human rights bodies and to promote principled, rules-based multilateralism. Safeguarding the role of international institutions is vital to advancing accountability, the rule of law, and a just and lasting peace."