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Emmanuel Macron,
President of the French Republic
Elysee Palace
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Paris, June 11, 2025

Subject: request for an urgent hearing concerning the detention of the crew of the Flotilla of the Freedom

Mr. President of the Republic,

We request on behalf of today and urgently a hearing in order to address the detention totally illegal of four of our fellow citizens, including one elected by the French people, by the authorities Israeli women. This detention follows the interception, also illegal, in international waters of the Madleen sailboat of the Freedom Flotilla, which was on its way to Gaza with a load of aid humanitarian.

On board the ship were 12 humanitarians and peace activists, engaged in a mission strictly civil and non-violent.

Among them, our fellow citizens Rima Hassan, MEP, Yanis Mhamdi, journalist, Reva Seifert-Viard, environmental activist and Pascal Maurieras, engineer and sailor are still in captivity in the Israeli prisons.

The interception of the sailboat, operated outside Israeli territorial waters, constitutes a violation flagrant violation of international law, in particular maritime law and humanitarian law. The arrest members of the crew and the seizure of aid intended for a population in humanitarian distress they are unacceptable. The blockade of Israel, preventing any humanitarian aid from reaching the more than 2.3 million Palestinians who are in desperate need of it, is illegal. The ruler of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, has been under an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court since the 21st november 2024 for war crimes and crimes against humanity.



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Mr. President, our concern for the health and respect for the rights of our fellow citizens is total. Faced with this unacceptable situation, France must work by all means for the liberation immediate and unconditional release of prisoners and to ensure that our country and international law are respected. It is clear that the government is falling short of the situation.

So we appeal to you.

We are therefore requesting an emergency hearing from you.

Please accept, Mr. President of the Republic, the expression of my greetings republican,

Mathilde Panot

Deputy of the Val-de-Marne

Président of the parliamentary group La France insoumise at the National Assembly

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