

29 September 2025

An Taoiseach
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Dear Taoiseach,

I am contacting you about the Global Sumud Flotilla currently sailing towards Gaza to break the siege and open a humanitarian corridor. Their mission is simple: deliver food, medicine and other essentials to Palestinians in occupied Gaza, who are still trapped under Israel's unlawful blockade. The flotilla is made up of many nationalities including a number of Irish people, one of whom is a Fórsa member.

We were horrified to see the recent reports of the flotilla experiencing multiple drone attacks, unidentified objects being dropped, communications being jammed, and explosions heard from a number of boats.

We applaud Spain and Italy for dispatching navy vessels to support the Flotilla and the calls for Israel to uphold international law and allow EU citizens to sail safely in the Mediterranean.

And we join with the recent urgent appeal to all Governments and international bodies for:

1. Immediate humanitarian corridor. We call on all states and relevant authorities to take every possible measure to guarantee, at a minimum, the opening of a safe and continuous humanitarian corridor to Gaza. This is a moral, legal, and humanitarian imperative. Civilians must have access to life-saving aid without obstruction or delay.
2. Protection of Civil Society Action, the Global Sumud Flotilla. We emphasize the right and duty of civil society to engage in peaceful humanitarian non-violent initiatives. The Global Sumud Flotilla, committed to delivering aid and standing in solidarity with the people of Gaza, must be fully protected. We call on governments and international institutions to safeguard the flotilla until it safely reaches Gaza, ensuring that its mission is neither obstructed nor endangered. We want to emphasize that the Global Sumud Flotilla initiative is a legal initiative and therefore cannot be attacked or stopped.
3. Responsibility of the international community. International humanitarian law obliges all states to protect civilians in conflict zones and to allow the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Governments must act decisively to uphold these principles, without excuses or delay. This is an historic and legal responsibility that must be fulfilled.
4. End the use of starvation as a means of warfare, which is a breach of article 54 of the extra-protocols of the Geneva Convention and to respect the right of the Palestinian people to live in peace and freedom in their own land.

5. We recognise and remind our governments that any occupation is illegal under international law. We reaffirm our collective commitment to peace, human dignity, and international law. History will judge us not by our words, but by the actions we take to protect human life in its most vulnerable moments.

Taoiseach, we urge you and the Government to do all that you can to ensure safe passage of those on the Flotilla.

Kind regards



Owen Reidy
General Secretary