11th Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Regional Forum
Barcelona, 25 November 2026

Co-Presidency Joint Statement

1. The UfM Ministers of Foreign Affairs convened in Barcelona for the 11th UfM Regional Forum on 25 November 2026, under the Co-Presidency of the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

2. Reaffirming the role of the UfM as a unique platform gathering all Mediterranean partners, the Ministers reiterated their commitment to continue to work together for a future of peace, cooperation and prosperity in the Mediterranean Region. To this end, they called for an action oriented, robust and forward-looking UfM.

3. The Ministers agreed to renew efforts with the implementation of the 2025 Vision Statement, and bring forward the three pillars connecting people, countries and economies. They called on the UfM to step up activities in key areas such as environment, climate action and energy transition, digital transformation, higher education and connectivity. Ministers acknowledged the opportunities to expand trade and partnerships, and the need to mobilise joint efforts to turn challenges into mutually beneficial opportunities.

4. The Ministers expressed grave concern over the current security situation in the Middle East and in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, and underlined the need to respect international law, as well as to continue close coordination and diplomatic efforts together with regional and international partners so as to de-escalate and bring peace and stability.

5. The Ministers reiterated their joint commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on the two-state solution in accordance with relevant UN Security Council Resolutions where two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, live side-by-side in peace within secure and recognised borders. They expressed concern over the lack of progress in the implementation of the ceasefire and all other provisions of UNSCR 2803. They called for support to the Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution. They expressed grave concern over the critical situation in the West Bank, rejecting unilateral acts, and all forms of annexation, settlers' violence, expansion of settlements, and expulsion or displacement of Palestinians from Gaza or the West Bank. They urged immediate stop of all measures that undermine the Two States Solution, underlining that the legal and historical status quo of Holy Sites in Jerusalem must be respected, including with regard to the Hashemite custodianship. They emphasized the vital role of the UN and its Agencies, notably UNRWA, which provides irreplaceable support to the civilian population, both in Gaza and the wider region.

6. They reiterated their call for unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza and the West Bank and stressed that humanitarian organisations must be allowed to work independently and impartially to save lives and reduce suffering, and comply with all its obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law. They underscored that protection of civilians must be ensured at all times.

7. The Ministers welcomed the framework agreement signed by Lebanon and Israel in June 2026. They urged all actors to fully abide by the terms of the agreement and to engage constructively in further talks with a view to a permanent end to hostilities, in full respect of international law, including international humanitarian law. Ministers called on all parties to fully implement UNSCR 1701, on which any lasting solution must be based.

8. Ministers reiterated the support for the Syria and its Government's efforts to rebuild Syria on ground that guarantees its security, stability, unity and sovereignty. They emphasized the need to keep supporting refugees and host countries until the situation is conducive for voluntary safe sustainable return.

9. The Ministers underscored the need to reach, as soon as possible, a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine, in line with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. They reaffirmed their commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders, extending to its territorial waters. They reiterated support to ongoing US-led efforts to facilitate peace through direct and serious negotiations. They reaffirmed the importance of securing a full, comprehensive, and reciprocal ceasefire.

10. The Ministers expressed support to the GCC countries and recalled that the current situation of instability in the Gulf region risks leading to lasting disruptions to global supply chains, especially with regard to energy, fertilizers and food, which would be highly detrimental to the economies and vulnerable populations in the Mediterranean and beyond. They referred to the vital need to ensure freedom of navigation and maritime security in accordance with international law. They called for freedom of navigation, including the right of passage through the Strait of Hormuz. In this regard, the Co-chairs referred to the No Fees/No Tolls Pledge, inviting all UfM countries to join.