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<u>Urgent debate to discuss the recent military aggression launched by Israel against Qatar on 9 September</u>

Statement by Luxembourg 16 September 2025

Luxembourg aligns itself with the statement of the European Union. At the outset, allow me to express Luxembourg's full solidarity with Qatar. We condemn the attack on 9th September by Israel which targeted the Hamas leadership in Doha and killed 6 people in a residential area. This attack is a clear violation of Qatar's sovereignty and territorial integrity and thus of international law, setting a dangerous precedent in a conflict that is already spiraling out of control and taking on a regional dimension.

Given the ongoing negotiations mediated by Qatar and Egypt between Israel and Hamas, this development gravely jeopardizes the chances of securing a negotiated release of the hostages, whose situation must remain central to our efforts, alongside achieving a ceasefire in Gaza. We remain strongly committed to the two-state solution.

Luxembourg supports Qatar's determination to continue this mediation role and urges all parties to refrain from any actions that may jeopardise negotiations and regional stability. The role and position of mediators must be safeguarded by the international community, as their integrity is key to the peaceful resolution of conflicts around the world.

It is imperative to avoid any further escalation and to ensure that negotiations are conducted in good faith.