



At the Department Council of the Department of Economics and Finance held on 8 July 2025, the following motion was approved:

Motion against the policy of the Israeli government in the Gaza Strip and for the suspension of the Industrial, Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between Italy and Israel.

The Department of Economics and Finance at the University of Rome Tor Vergata has always supported a science open to the free exchange of ideas and the mobility of researchers, while remaining constantly mindful of the ethical responsibilities of our institutions. As scientists and as a university community, we feel compelled at this moment to affirm a fundamental principle: international research and scientific cooperation must serve as a bridge between peoples—an arena for dialogue, peacebuilding, and human solidarity, especially in times of crisis. We therefore recognize the value of academic collaboration among researchers from every country, in accordance with the principle of research autonomy enshrined in our Constitution.

However, we cannot ignore the very serious violations of international law currently taking place in the Gaza Strip, where the ongoing military campaign conducted by the Israeli government has caused tens of thousands of deaths—including an alarming number of children, women, and unarmed civilians—as well as journalists, medical personnel, and healthcare workers. Entire cities have been razed, hospitals and universities struck without distinction, in a spiral of violence that has become a full-scale humanitarian catastrophe. These acts have been condemned by the United Nations and the International Court of Justice, which have denounced them as war crimes and crimes against humanity. Yet the destruction continues and the situation worsens day by day.

In this tragic context, the Department of Economics and Finance at the University of Rome Tor Vergata firmly distances itself from any form of institutionalized bilateral cooperation with the current Israeli government, which is responsible for these grave human-rights violations in the Gaza Strip and the occupied territories, and:

- **Calls on the Government of the Italian Republic to suspend the Industrial, Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between Italy and Israel**, signed in Bologna on 13 June 2000 and ratified by Law No. 154 of 11 July 2002;
- **Further invites all faculty members not to participate in any future MAECI calls for joint research projects under the aforementioned bilateral agreement between Italy and Israel**, for as long as these violations persist.