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EFA Group - Visit to Israel and Palestine

Press release from the EFA Group in the European Parliament

MEPs from the EFA Group in the European Parliament are visiting Israel and Palestine this week as part of a fact finding mission to the region.

The MEPs include **Josep-Maria Terricabras** (President of the EFA Group), **Jill Evans** (Vice-President), **Ernest Maragall**, **Jordi Sebastià** and **Alyn Smith**.



They are also joined by **Lorena Lopez de Lacalle**, Vice President of the EFA European Political Party.

The group will visit Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Hebron and Ramallah. They will meet a range of politicians, NGOs and representatives of civil society, both Israeli and Palestinian.

The visit comes at a crucial time in Israeli/Palestinian relations, with the peace process deadlocked.

The EU is part of the so-called 'quartet' mediating the peace process and is also a major aid donor in the region.



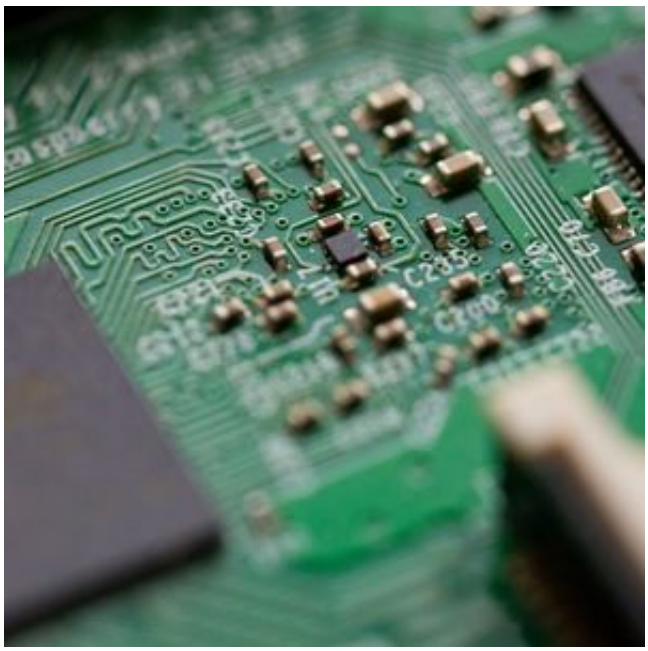
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