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The issue of administrative detention and the detention of children, in particular, is closely monitored by the EU delegations in Tel Aviv and in East Jerusalem, and is regularly raised in bilateral contacts with the Israeli authorities. These issues were thoroughly discussed during the September 2011 EU-Israel informal working group on human rights and the December 2011 EU-Israel sub-committee on political dialogue and co-operation. The EU has urged Israel to adopt the necessary measures to address shortcomings and possible human right violations in these areas.

The EU is not aware of any recent changes in policy with regard to the Military Juvenile Court. The detention of children is and will remain a high priority among the human rights issues that the EU follows in its relations with Israel.