Question for written answer E-006427/2014 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Ernest Maragall (Verts/ALE)

Subject: VP/HR - The Palestinian-Israeli conflict

The permanent ceasefire recently declared in Gaza is a new development in a conflict which has been entrenched for over half a century.

The latest chapter in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has involved acts of war which clearly violate international legislation on armed conflicts and seriously affect the human rights of the civilian population in Gaza.

The situation has further highlighted the futility of institutional statements demanding an end to armed confrontation and the renewal of dialogue between both parties.

- What action does the EU intend to take to ensure permanent peace between these two states? Does the EU plan to intervene in its own right and directly bring its influence to bear on the conflicting parties?
- Does the Vice-President/High Representative intend to set up a delegation of experts, high-level European officials and Members of the European Parliament in order to visit Israel and Palestine, with clear instructions to try to mediate in this conflict?

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