

Question for written answer E-006699/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Misappropriation of EU humanitarian aid by Israel

A European diplomat recently stated that Israel has been diverting EU reconstruction aid for Gaza in order to make sure that its own firms benefit from the reconstruction efforts. This was borne out by a UN report published on 3 September 2014.

1. Can the Commission state what steps it has taken to ensure that humanitarian aid for Gaza is being used for its intended purpose, as this would help us to gauge the full extent of the Israel embargo?
2. What new legislative measures does the Commission intend to introduce with a view to stopping the Israeli authorities from continuing to severely hamper Gaza's development and, thereby, efforts to build a sustainable peace between Israel and Palestine?
3. Does the Commission agree that EU recognition of Palestine would be an effective way to persuade Israel to rejoin the peace talks and treat Palestine as an equal partner, as this is the only way to finally put an end to practices such as this de facto embargo?