

**Question for written answer E-007580/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Israeli settlements and land grabs

One quarter of the new Israeli housing built in Jerusalem between 1 January and 30 June 2014 was put up in the eastern part of the city, which has been occupied by Israel since 1967. The international community does not recognise the annexation of East Jerusalem and regards the settlements in occupied territory as illegal. Seven thousand five hundred new settlers in six months are ample proof of Israel's continuing refusal to comply with international law.

Following the massacres in Gaza, Israel has continued to build settlements and has grabbed 400 hectares of land in the Bethlehem area, after declaring the land around the Gva'ot settlement Israeli territory.

The Israeli authorities are relentlessly depriving the Palestinians of their fundamental rights by imposing an ever expanding and violent occupation, controlling water resources, building a wall which symbolises the separation between the two peoples and the subjugation of the Palestinians, carrying out arbitrary arrests and implementing unprecedentedly racist policies.

Does the VP/HR not believe that it is time to suspend the European Union's association agreement with Israel, including the agreement signed as part of the Horizon 2020 programme, given that country's flagrant violation of the human rights of the inhabitants of Gaza and the West Bank?