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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Unlawful detention in internment centres and mass expulsions of asylum-seekers in the State of Israel

Thanks to its Prevention of Infiltration Law, and particularly to the latest amendments thereof, Israel is carrying out indefinite administrative detention of African (especially Eritrean and Sudanese) immigrants and, in cases of applications by them for asylum, prefers forced expulsion without procedural safeguards. Furthermore, despite a recent order by the Israeli Supreme Court to close the detention centre at Holot (in the Negev desert) within 90 days due to breach of asylum-seekers' fundamental rights, the Israeli Government is still sending new immigrants there.

These events have been denounced by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which also refers, in its report CERD7C/ISR/CO/14-16, to an increase in racist and xenophobic conduct in Israel.

1. Will the High Representative investigate these events, which violate the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and Articles 12 and 13 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
2. Article 2 of the Association Agreement between the EU and Israel makes said Agreement conditional upon respect for human rights. If these events are confirmed, will the said Agreement be cancelled immediately?