

**Question for written answer E-009711/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Bart Staes (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: Israeli and Palestinian participation in the ICC Statute

Neither Israel nor Palestine is a State Party to the Rome Statute. In Article 2 of the EU Council Decision on the International Criminal Court (ICC), EU Member States undertake to 'make every effort' to participate as fully as possible in the Rome Statute, by 'raising this issue in negotiations, including negotiations of agreements, or political dialogues with third States ... whenever appropriate'.

1. Has the EU ever raised the issue of participation in the Rome Statute in the context of negotiating an agreement or conducting a political dialogue with either Israel or Palestine?
2. If not, on what grounds was this deemed inappropriate?