

**Question for written answer E-009811/2014**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Josep-Maria Terricabras (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: VP/HR - EU recognition of the Palestinian State

On 18 November 2014, the Spanish Congress of Deputies held a debate on the need for the European Union to grant official recognition to the Palestinian State. This would put an end to Israel's unacceptable practices vis-à-vis the international community as regards the Palestinian people's relations with the rest of the world. The United Nations recognised Palestine as a state in 2012.

The European Union's institutional structure makes it a superstate, a confederation with its own institutions and a federation that is pending completion. All pro-Europeans share the aim of deepening the European project and the exclusive or shared powers held by the European Union and implemented by the Commission, Council and Parliament.

1. In this context, does the High Representative believe that the European Union, as a legal person, can recognise the existence of the Palestinian State?
2. What steps will the High Representative take to urge states opposed to recognition to grant it?
3. Does she take the view that the recognition of third countries falls within the Union's sphere of competence?