

**Question for written answer E-010840/2014
to the Council**

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Subject: Law establishing Israel as a Jewish state

A law is under discussion which enshrines Israel as a Jewish state, reserving self-determination and national rights for Jews whilst granting only individual rights to Arab and Palestinian citizens.

This racist and discriminatory draft law seeks to legitimise the occupation of Palestine and make it permanent, moving forward the Zionist agenda of a 'Greater Israel' and the judaization of the state in Palestinian territory. This is a law with the capacity to institutionalise discrimination against 1.7 million people living in Israel, that is, 20 % of its population.

Therefore, we ask the Council:

1. Does it not consider that the discussion of this draft law confirms and highlights Israel's racist policy, violates fundamental human rights and international law?
2. Does it not consider that the above provides more reasons for revoking the Association Agreement between the EU and Israel?
3. Does it not consider that there is a need for concerted effort between Member States with a view to recognizing the State of Palestine, following the examples of Sweden and initiatives to that effect, in particular in France, Spain and the United Kingdom?