

Question for written answer E-001029/2015
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Appeal against the decision of the Court of Justice removing Hamas from the EU's list of terrorist organizations

The **Council Common Position of 27 December 2001 on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism** included Hamas on the list of terrorist organisations where it remains to this day. The Court of Justice, in its decision of 17 December 2014, has requested the removal of Hamas from this list on the grounds that its inclusion was 'based not on acts examined and confirmed in decisions of competent authorities but on factual imputations derived from the press and the Internet,'

Given that Hamas is a member of the Palestinian National Unity Government, engaged in peace negotiations with the Quartet, and that the European Parliament, the European Council, and the High Representative of the Union have recognised the government of national unity and in the light of the European Parliament resolution and the statements by the EU High Representative on recognition of Palestinian statehood (2014/2964 (RSP), will the Council say:

- What specific new elements will the Council present to the Court of Justice to justify the appeal against this decision?

- In view of the above, does it believe that this action will promote the Middle East peace process which is an objective of the Union?