

**Question for written answer E-001687/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: VP/HR - Investigation into the death of a UNIFIL soldier

In her statement of 28 January concerning the death of a Spanish UNIFIL soldier in southern Lebanon as a result of Israeli fire, the High Representative made no mention of the possibility of calling on the Israeli Government to explain the incident.

This is particularly surprising, given that such actions by the Israeli Defence Forces are nothing new. Since UNIFIL was set up, there have been repeated Israeli attacks on UN units: for example, an Irish soldier was killed by mortar fire in May 1999, and an Indian soldier was seriously injured by shrapnel in July 2006.

On that same day in July 2006, four observers from the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) were killed in an Israeli attack on Hezbollah, despite repeated warnings from the then commander of UNIFIL, General Alain Pellegrini, whose attempts to communicate with those leading the operations were blocked by middle-ranking officers.

Does the High Representative not think that she missed a good opportunity to call for an international investigation into Israeli attacks on UNIFIL?