

**Question for written answer E-002525/2015
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Targeted restrictive measures against persons or entities which undermine the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Palestine

Since March 2014 the EU has adopted measures in relation to the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. These include a travel ban and asset freeze against natural persons on the grounds of being responsible for undermining the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine or against individuals who actively provide material or financial support to, or are benefiting from, the Russian decision-makers responsible for the annexation of Crimea.

Given that the EU considers that Israeli settlements are illegal and that they undermine the viability of the two-State solution, will the Council adopt the same type of measures against legal entities and persons which undermine the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Palestine? If not, why not?

Given that settlers actively benefit from an illegal land grab and illegally exploit Palestinian resources, in contravention of the 4th Geneva Convention, will the Council put Israeli settlers on a list of persons subjected to a restriction on admission to the EU and/or the freezing of their funds? If not, why not?