

**Question for written answer E-002986/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Arbitrary detention of schoolchildren in Palestine by Israeli occupation forces

According to the latest UNICEF report on children in Israeli military detention, published on 13 February 2015, a high number of Palestinian children have been detained and prosecuted through the Israeli military court system, and the gravity of the situation did not significantly decrease in 2013 and 2014. Palestinian children are still exposed to arbitrary arrest, lengthy interrogation and harsh detention in prison, without enjoying full procedural rights.

Given that the EU is strongly committed to the ratification and implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and on the basis of the EU Guidelines on Children in Armed Conflict, adopted in 2003 and revised in 2008, what concrete measures will the Commission take as regards the conditions of arbitrary detention of children in Palestine?