

**Question for written answer E-003483/2015
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ban on weapons containing depleted uranium

There is now enough convincing data to prove that Israel has criminally used depleted uranium weaponry, particularly in the Gaza Strip in August 2014.

Israel acquired more than 1 000 GBU-39 ('Guided Bombs with Uranium') bombs in the United States of America shortly before Operation 'Cast Lead', as well as DIME ammunition ('Dense Inert Uranium Explosive').

Depleted uranium is a lethal poison. When these bombs explode (used prolifically to penetrate Hamas bunkers), the uranium catches fire and the ashes spread for miles around, poisoning the population (including the Israeli army).

I ask the Council whether or not it is willing to move towards a process to ban the use of weapons containing depleted uranium, thereby following resolutions adopted in the past by the European Parliament.