

**Question for written answer E-004127/2015
to the Council**
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Subject: EU action with regard to punitive measure against Palestine following its International Criminal Court (ICC) bid

On 31 December 2014, the State of Palestine submitted its application to join the International Criminal Court (ICC) and soon after submitted a declaration granting the Court jurisdiction as of 13 June 2014.

As stated in the EU's Common Position on the ICC, the EU and its Member States are committed to encouraging states that are willing to cooperate with the Court to inform the Union of any difficulties encountered in this pursuit. Following Palestine's International Criminal Court (ICC) bid, Israel has halted the transfer of clearance revenues to the Palestinian Authority (PA). According to International Monetary Fund (IMF) officials, these clearance revenues represent about two-thirds of the PA's net revenues and are essential to its budget and to the Palestinian economy.

What actions have the EU and its Member States undertaken with the Israeli authorities with a view to stopping the implementation of these punitive measures adopted against Palestine for exercising its right?