

**Question for written answer E-004557/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

Patrick Le Hyaric (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Plans to build a cable car system between the former Ottoman station in West Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem

The French companies Safege and POMA have put forward plans to build a cable car system between the former Ottoman station in West Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem.

The project, which would inevitably require Palestinian land to be expropriated, would represent yet another step towards colonising East Jerusalem and create faits accomplis in breach of international law, reinforcing the policy of Judaising the city by enabling mobility between the Israeli colonies and encouraging the illegal transfer of the Israeli population to the occupied Palestinian territory. Such an act would desecrate several major religious sites at St. Peter in Gallicantu and Gethsemane, including the immediate surroundings of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, constituting a serious attack on world heritage.

1. Is the Commission aware of this project?
2. How has the Commission warned European companies of the legal risks they face if they invest in the illegal colonies of an occupying power that is in breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention, United Nations resolutions and the United Nations Charter and thereby promote this policy of colonisation?
3. Could the Commission provide an assessment of the application of the guidelines on the eligibility of Israeli entities established in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967?