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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Arrest of a Palestinian parliamentarian

Khalida Jarrar is a prominent feminist and advocate for the rights of Palestinian political prisoners. She is also Palestine's Representative to the Council of Europe and Head of the Prisoners Committee of the Palestinian Legislative Council. She has been arrested.

Israel's military public prosecutor's office has brought charges against Khalida Jarrar which include that of belonging to an illegal organisation. In accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which Israel has ratified, any judge who reviews her arrest on these charges must bear in mind that, as a general rule, persons awaiting trial cannot be detained in custody.

What is the High Representative's position on Israel's infringement of the ICCPR? Is she planning to intervene in this case?