

Question for written answer E-008266/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Racial discrimination against Ethiopian Jews in Israel

Since the Law of Return was passed in Israel, many Ethiopian Jews have settled there. However, although they are legally Israeli citizens, they are treated in a discriminatory manner and in many cases as criminals.

One example of this is that although they account for 2 % of the total population of Israel, 40 % of the prison population are of Ethiopian origin. For years the population of Ethiopian origin has been suffering police violence that is clearly an abuse of a minority, and they have barely any chance of speaking out against these abuses. This has led them to embark on a further series of protests.

Given this situation, does the High Representative intend to seek an explanation from the Israeli Government?

Does the High Representative think that the Association Agreements with Israel should be reviewed, since once again Israel is failing to respect human rights?