

**Question for written answer E-012621/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Reconstruction of Gaza and an end to the blockade

One year after the war in Gaza, thousands of children are still sleeping amongst the rubble while the Israeli blockade, in a clear breach of international laws, continues to restrict the entry of basic building materials.

The blockade has been in existence for eight years now, during which there have been three tragic wars full of bloodshed and destruction.

According to some organisations, only 5 % of the more than six tonnes of building materials required have passed through the blockade since the war ended one year ago. They calculate that it will take 17 years to rebuild Gaza at this rate.

How is the Commission contributing to the reconstruction of Gaza? What steps is it taking to put an end to the Israeli blockade?