

**Question for written answer E-012799/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - demolition orders in the West Bank

Thirteen thousand Palestinian buildings are currently the subject of Israeli demolition orders in the occupied West Bank. The UN, the EU and a number of NGOs have reported record numbers of displaced persons following demolitions of this kind.

According to a report published on Monday, 7 September 2015 by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, between 1988 and 2014 Israel issued more than 14 000 demolition orders in Area C, which is under Israeli administrative and military control. A single demolition order can target several buildings belonging to one person, for example their residence, an animal shelter, a storage room and sanitary facilities.

Since the beginning of the year, at least 356 structures – of which 81 had been built using international aid – have been destroyed in Area C, where, according to the UN, 300 000 Palestinians and 365 000 Israeli settlers are living.

1. Is the VP/HR aware of these demolition orders and the number of people who have been displaced as a result, in a flagrant violation of human rights?
2. How does she justify the continued application of the EU's cooperation agreements with the State of Israel when the latter, an occupying state consistently fails to uphold its obligations and continues to commit such atrocities?