

**Question for written answer E-015646/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Application of Article 2 of EU association agreements

The EU suspended its association agreement with Sri Lanka in 2010, imposed restrictive measures against Russia in response to the annexation of Ukrainian territory, and has taken similar measures against a number of other states who have clearly violated human rights and international law over recent years.

1. Does the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy not believe that the EU's failure to take similar measures against Israel is a clear case of double standards, which only serves to support Israel's continued human rights violations?
2. Does she not believe that the continued application of the EU-Israel association agreement, in spite of Israel's flagrant violations of Article 2 of the agreement, sends Israel the message that the massacres in Palestine will be tolerated and will not affect its close relations with the EU, thereby creating a sense of impunity?