Question for written answer E-008169/2016 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)

Subject: VP/HR - Israel and nuclear non-proliferation

Israel has a nuclear programme and it was known to be developing technology that would allow it to make hydrogen bombs. However, the United States continues to assist and cover up the Israeli nuclear programme, violating its own legislation, which prohibits helping countries who develop nuclear weapons and who are not signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

In December 2014, the United Nations General Assembly approved a resolution asking Israel to renounce its nuclear weapons and allow all its nuclear installations to be inspected by the UN International Atomic Energy Agency. Israel rejected this.

What does the Vice-President / High Representative think of the danger posed by Israel's possession of nuclear weapons to both the region and the rest of the world, while at the same time condemning other countries for this, as in the case of Iran? Why is there always a double standard in EU foreign policy?

Does she think it is safe for Israel to have these weapons while at the same time refusing to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty?

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