

**Question for written answer E-008699/2016  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Regularisation of illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank

On Wednesday 16/11/2016 a majority in the Israeli Knesset voted in favour of a bill providing for the regularisation of illegal Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territories, in the occupied West Bank.

This measure is at odds with basic principles of international law condemning colonisation. In addition, the regularisation of Israeli settlers' homes in the West Bank, including in the area of Amona, comes at a time when there is a court order for the demolition of the settlements in that specific area by 25 December.

In view of the above, will the Vice-President / High Representative say:

1. What measures will she take to stop this process of regularisation, given that three more votes are needed in the Israeli Knesset before that Israeli decision becomes law?
2. What impact can the pursuit of this policy by the State of Israel have (if any) on EU-Israel relations?
3. What steps will she take to advance the declared position of the VP/HR in favour of a two-State solution to the Palestinian problem?