

**Question for written answer E-000009/2017  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Security Council resolution condemning the Israeli settlements

On 23 December the UN Security Council adopted a resolution calling for an end to Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territories. The resolution calls on Israel to 'immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem' and stresses that 'Israeli settlement activities' have 'no legal validity' and 'are dangerously imperilling the viability of the two-State solution.'

This decision is considered historic because it is the first time since 1979 that the US has not vetoed the adoption of such a resolution. It was adopted by 14 votes in favour with one abstention (United States).

Israel announced shortly after the adoption of the resolution that it would not comply with it and withdrew its ambassadors from New Zealand and Senegal.

Given the importance of this resolution, as well as the basic values of human rights on which the EU is founded, will the High Representative say what effect this resolution will have on EU-Israel relations?

Apart from verbal condemnations, does the Commission intend to take any other measures, if, as Israeli officials have declared, Israel does not intend to stop or change its policies on this issue?