

**Question for written answer E-000390/2017  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Transfer of US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

In the run-up to the US elections the implementation of an earlier Congress decision to transfer to the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was a hotly debated issue, with President Trump repeatedly announcing his intention of going through with it. Now that Mr Trump has been sworn in, this has become a distinct possibility.

However, no country currently has an embassy in Jerusalem, since it is not recognised as the capital of Israel. Furthermore, UN Security Council 478, the condemns the 1980 decision designating Jerusalem as Israel's capital as a violation of international law, declaring it null and void and calling for its revocation.

Such a development may trigger new tension in the region, which must be avoided at all costs.

In view of this:

- Can the Vice-President/High Representative give the EU's position on this issue?
- What steps will it take to prevent such a move that will nullify efforts to secure a peace process in the Middle East?