

**Question for written answer E-007599/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

Rule 130

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Subject: VP/HR - The recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital by the USA and the corresponding move of their embassy

The President of the USA announced the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and ordered that the US embassy be moved there. This decision is an attempt to legitimise the Israeli occupation and constitutes an escalation of the aggression of US imperialism and of the state of Israel against the people of Palestine and the other peoples of the region. It sabotages the solution for a Palestinian state with the 1967 borders and East Jerusalem as its capital.

The EU is an active participant in the crime committed against the people of Palestine; not only has it deepened and upgraded its relationship with Israel, but it has placed the aggressor and the victim on an equal footing and refers to the Palestinian people's just struggle as 'terrorism'.

The Greek government is also culpable, as it glosses over and sides with the imperialist plans of the USA and the EU, and develops a multi-faceted economic, political and military cooperation with the state of Israel, as evidenced by the recently signed agreement for the Eastmed natural gas pipeline. This is the ground that supports and escalates the murderous aggression of Israel and its allies.

What is the opinion of the High Representative of the EU on this decision by the USA regarding Jerusalem and on the attitude of the EU, which reinforces Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people?