

Question for written answer E-001740/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - EU measures against Israel for massive violations of the rights of the child and international human rights law

The arrest of 17-year-old Palestinian Ahed Tamimi by the Israeli army in the West Bank, her unlawful detention and her trial behind closed doors raise questions about the EU's attitude towards Israel, since this is far from being an isolated incident.

Bearing in mind:

- the flagrant violation of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has been ratified by Israel, and which states that: 'The ... imprisonment of a child ... shall be used only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time';

- the flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibiting the transfer of protected persons from the territory of occupied territories to the territory of the occupying country, irrespective of motivation;

- Amnesty International's declaration on the 350 minors imprisoned in Israel;

- the grave concern expressed by the EU Permanent Representation and the OHCHR about the conditions of arrest and detention of minors;

- the grave concern expressed by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, and in particular the assessment that none of the actual facts of the case can justify taking the minor in question into custody;

Will the VP/HR say:

1) Does she accept that these incidents constitute a direct violation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and international human rights law?

2) When will she propose to Member States that the EU-Israel Association Agreement should be suspended by invoking Article 2?